PUBLIC EMOTION THREATENS PRAGMATIC DECISION-MAKING OF ISRAELI LEADERS

By YORAM KESSEL

JERUSALEM [JCNS] —

Wise men say governments cannot afford to allow mood or emotion to affect fateful decisions. There are, however, moments of truth in the lifetime of a nation where there should be no attempt to divide between reason and emotion, between calculated decision-making and feelings of the heart.

"The government is not at liberty to make its present political and security calculations without references to the growing anger felt by the nation at the way it has been insulted and humiliated, and at the death brought to the heart of the country."

Shalom Rosenfeld, editor of Israel's most widely-read paper **Ma'ariv**, made those comments in a recent article.

The series of fierce "moral" blows levied at her — Sadat's anti-Semitic pronouncements in the U.S., the UN resolutions, and fresh recognition for the PLO, plus the awful bomb carnage in the centre of Jerusalem, are pushing the country into an extremist temperament at least in terms of immediate emotional responses.

There is a very distinct sense of being isolated and alone. Some voices like that of Prof. Yaacov Talmon have been heard in public urging that above all Israel should avoid taking the view that "simply because the whole world seems to be against us we must turn our backs on the world." There is a perceptible hardening of attitudes, and this kind of reasoned voice, already fighting hard upstream, might soon become no more than a lonely cry.

There has not been, nor is there likely to be, a return to the simplistic vision and singlemindedness of the Golda Meir era when things were cast in black and white. In the forefront of the dismal mood is the fear that for all the achievements during the 18 months of reconstruction, less has been changed than had been hoped; the political parties continue oblivious to the real demands of concerned citizens, the immigration-emigration quotient is in the balance.

The familiar pattern of strikes and sanctions for a larger share of a dwindling national cake continues. Momentarily the depression has been relieved by the need to unite in reaction to the fierce attack on Zionist first principles. But the deeper uncertainty is unrelieved.

Confusion and depression remain not because there are widespread doubts as to the validity of the fundamental tenets of Zionism, but because there are still few accepted decisions for common action, minimal leadership towards recognizable goals, and government working by auto-suggestion. Despite the defiant attitude about PLO recognition on the part of ordinary Israelis, many of them think that the government is making a tactical mistake.

A process which may be seen as the demise of ideology is the overriding factor in Israeli society today. Instinctively, Israelis are opposed to the careful pragmatic approach of Premier Rabin on the political plane and Finance Minister Rabinowitz on the economic front. They find little inherent value in ascribing to their careful dictums. More and more people, however, are resigned to the fact that there appears no real alternative. But without Bible-thumping encouragement, without idealism pumped at them repeatedly, without apocalyptic visions of great things to come, and predictions of harder times in store, small wonder there is a measure of confusion.

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Settlers belonging to right-wing Gush Emunim movement are busy repairing an old railway station at Sebastia on occupied West Bank. They want to settle the area but government is reluctant to let them do so. The issue of settling occupied Arab lands is controversial one dividing Israel. (IPPA)

Rabin is criticized for hard-line policies, style of government by some Labor members

JERUSALEM [JCNS] —

A simmering tension within the Israel Labor Party which is moving perilously close to crisis proportions is producing open declarations by some members that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin should be replaced.

There is strong criticism of his policies, which some regard as increasingly too hard-line, and of his own personality and style of government.

His position not only as prime minister, but as leader of the party has become shaky.

One factor which has brought dissatisfaction among the moderates of the party has been his compromise recently with the right-wing Orthodox Gush Emunim group which seeks to establish Jewish settlements on the West Bank and elsewhere. After some trouble with Arabs in the area of Sebastia, near Nablus where the group settled, the government decided to allow some of them to remain on the West Bank under army control. Some cabinet ministers regard the decision of Rabin and of Defence Minister Shimon Peres, as capitulation to pressure.

At a meeting of the Knesset Labor Alignment (Labor Party and Mapam) faction, the prime minister was strongly criticized over this compromise. Rabin, in reply, threatened to resign if the compromise was not endorsed. But no vote was taken in the end and this challenge was not met.

Another issue causing criticism of Rabin is his determined opposition to any review of Israel's stand on the Palestinian question. On both these questions and on other important issues his critics complain that he has shown little regard for the party. They claim he is systematically seeking to undercut its influence and impose decisions from above.

Many people, even among the Israeli public, now take the view that Rabin's cool, reasonable temperament and unemotional style are unsuitable to the new international situation and the ideological challenge posed by the Arabs.

However, there appears to be no generally-acceptable Labor alternative choice for the premiership. Peres' public image has been slipping of late and Yigal Allon, the deputy premier and foreign minister, seems not yet to have decided whether to present himself as a challenger for the premiership by placing himself firmly at the head of the doves in the party.

Montreal day school boards reject demand for parity

Teachers bring grievances to public

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Teachers at the four major Jewish day schools in Montreal have embarked on a high-powered campaign to inform the public of their grievances in the wake of their school boards rejection last Friday of their demands for parity with the public sector, in work load and salary structuring.

The 350-member Federation of Teachers of Jewish Schools of Montreal, which represents United Talmud Torahs, Jewish Peoples and Peretz Schools, Bialik, Solomon Schechter Academy and Hebrew Academy had voted unanimously at a study session held on Dec. 8 to present their individual school boards with a three-day ultimatum to go to binding arbitration.

Strike action has been ruled out for the immediate future, but the possibility of a walkout in January was mentioned by federation president Monette Ulin. If called, it would mark the first time Jewish schools were closed by a full-scale strike by its teachers.

The federation is asking for a reduction of teaching periods from 28 to 25 per week, in the high schools, and consideration for time taken for preparation of classes in the elementary schools, rather than the present payment only for minutes spent in the classroom. Teachers in public high schools have a workload of 18-25 periods per week.

They also demand equal salary with the public sector and cost-of-living indexation.

Jewish teachers now have parity with the public sector, but no indexation.

If the Protestant and Catholic teachers receive the salary increases they are currently demanding from the Quebec department of education, the Jewish teachers have agreed to ask for parity with the public sectors' new wages.

The teachers of Jewish schools are also asking for a separation of sick leave from social leave (i.e. for funerals, exams, court appearances). The teachers at present receive 10-15 days sick leave, depending on the number of years they have worked at the school, cumulative up to 30 days.

In addition, they would like to see seniority rights prevail in job vacancies, class preferences and transfers.

The school boards have rejected binding arbitration as "too long a process" and have denied in principle the teachers' demands. Negotiations between the federation and school boards began in late July and broke down on Nov. 28. The teachers have had the legal right to strike since Dec. 8.

Citing the fact that Montreal Jewish schools have the lowest salary rates in North America, the teachers have suggested higher school fees as one means of offsetting their salary increases. "Although fees have gone up as much as 40% this year and there are 200 more students, we haven't seen any of it," said Mrs. Ulin.

The federation also points out that Allied Jewish Community Services last year granted $389,000 to Jewish education, but the teachers do not know where it is going. They urge the parents of children in Jewish schools to demand to know how the budget is being allocated.

The school boards claim 70-80% of the budget goes to teachers salaries while the teachers have calculated the figure to be as low as 40%.

Hebrew day schools hold contract talks

TORONTO —

Representatives of negotiating teams from five Hebrew day schools have been invited to a weekend meeting with the Board of Jewish Education to discuss issues relating to contract talks with their general studies teachers.

Tom Jutcovich, acting chairman of the Association of General Studies Teachers in Hebrew Day Schools, says his group has not been asked to join the meeting with BJE representatives. He expects the session will delineate what limitations, if any, individual schools should place on contract issues.

Since the teachers' association cut off collective negotiations with the BJE in October, it has embarked on separate missions with indi-

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CIC reiterates its support for position barring PLO

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL —

A week after its national board of directors meeting, the Canada-Israel Committee has released an official policy statement affirming, among other things, its position on PLO entry into Canada.

The CIC resolutions, drawn up as an apparent compromise on the divergent views held by some 60 to 70 key community leaders across Canada, declare support of immigration laws barring terrorist organizations, while seemingly failing to firmly outline any contemplated reaction to PLO presence at the Vancouver Habitat conference.

The position statement, released to **The Canadian Jewish News** just before it went to press, says the CIC's constituent organizations — Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Zionist Federation and B'nai B'rith — "would not be opposed to PLO entry into Canada if the PLO would renounce their "covenant" to eliminate Israel and their commitment to terrorism and cease their manipulation of the UN and its agencies."

With regard to the Habitat conference, the CIC statement, drafted at the national meeting in Montreal and over seven days given final approval by seven unidentified key leaders, says: "We hope that Canada will continue its efforts to restore integrity and fair play in the international arena. We believe that Habitat can be a useful and positive conference with Canada's leadership in ensuring that it is not converted into a forum for political invective."

The CIC propositions did not reflect on the federal government's repeated rejection of requests from the Vancouver Jewish community to bar PLO observers from the human settlements conference.

Commenting on Canada's approach to the PLO, the CIC board did state: "Canadian immigration law, as a true reflection of Canadian society and its mores, bars any organization of self-appointed terrorists, which seeks to overthrow a democratically elected government, from entering our country. The PLO is such an organization and is so designated by our law. Our government's opposition to terrorism, its commitment to peace in the Middle East, and the Canadian moral conscience precludes Canada's conferring respectability on the PLO."

In addition to announcing its position on the PLO, the CIC board surprisingly took the view, disputed among some Israelis and Diaspora communities, that "the Arab Palestinians have a legitimate right for self-expression alongside a Jewish state in the Middle East," with the added caution that "only by disavowing their "covenant", which pledges the destruction of the state of Israel, and by renouncing their commitment to terrorism can the Palestinian cause be heard and addressed."

To inform the Canadian community about the PLO and the nature of the Arab-Israel conflict, the CIC also announced it would embark on a national educational campaign mobilizing every Jewish community and organization.

Asked for his comments on the CIC position paper in advance of its release, CIC Chairman Aaron Pollack of Montreal remarked that the national board members "reached a consensus without any reservation and are perfectly united."

When questioned regarding the CIC's stance on PLO observers at Habitat, Pollack answered abruptly: "This is not a linked issue. I am not prepared to discuss Habitat and the PLO... This has been consistently misinterpreted by the press, trying to link the two and assuming we're against the conference. Our position is not linked."

In the past three months, a wide spectrum of reactions to the Habitat controversy — from political quarters, the general and Jewish communities and the CIC itself — have been voiced.

Many Jewish community spokesmen and government officials have wrestled with the subjective distinctions between Habitat and the UN crime conference. Some thought it a tactical error to react to the Vancouver meeting in as aggressive a manner as the Toronto parley.

The issue appears, on the surface, to have caused some division even among the CIC leadership. Less than a month ago, CIC Executive Director Meyer Bick said that "while his organization opposed PLO entry into Canada, "no action on Habitat is contemplated."

CIC Central Region Chairman Rabbi Erwin Schild sided with Bick when he told **The CJN** in a November interview: "There will be a different approach to Habitat because of the nature of the conference and the community (Vancouver). Among the supporters of that viewpoint was Saskatchewan's Jewish Senator Sydney Buckwold, chairman of the national Habitat committee.

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UJA moves toward establishing Senate of 'retired' chairmen

TORONTO —

First step towards formation of a permanent advisory council or "Senate" for the United Jewish Appeal was taken last week at a meeting of community leaders held in the Cadillac-Fairview board room.

Aim of the council will be to obtain greater involvement on a continuing basis from past campaign leaders. The council would select the campaign chairman, set the goal, be the first to make their gifts and provide active and moral support to the current campaign leadership.

The council would also seek to bring some order to the multiplicity of campaigns now being conducted in Toronto. Emphasis would be on the primacy of the UJA campaign, as stressed by the Jewish Agency.

Wilfred Posluns, the 1976 campaign chairman, said former leaders are making their gifts, but seem reluctant to get further involved in the campaign. "The role of the chairman is such a demanding one," he said, "that by the time a campaign is over he is completely drained and prefers a passive role from then on."

Posluns said that unless there is continuity in the UJA lay organization the future of fund-raising in the community could be seriously affected.

Last week's meeting was called by Wilfred Posluns; UIA National President Phil Granovsky; United Jewish Welfare Fund President Jack M. Rose and Eph Diamond. In a letter inviting the past leadership to the meeting they said that "we seem to be at a crossroads in communal history. Either we follow the paths of greatness and maintain our proud distinction as one of the great Jewish communities of the world, or we shrug off the grave concerns of the Jewish people, retreat to the old positions we held before the Yom Kippur and Six Day wars and become a non-entity... But the danger, as we see it, is that if we allow ourselves to fall back we will be unable to maintain our commitment either to our local Jewish institutions or to Israel. Can we afford to falter?"

The first formal meeting of the council is expected to be held in January.

Mexican foreign minister apologizes to Israelis

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

"I truthfully hope and think that past misunderstanding should be left behind, buried, forgotten and forgiven..." This hope was expressed last week by Mexico's Foreign Minister Emilio Rabasa at a parting luncheon he gave here for his host in Israel, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon.

Allon, in his reply, said he "agreed" and "accepted" Rabasa's idea that the "incident" be forgiven, forgotten and buried. Both men were, of course, referring to Mexico's affirmative vote at the UN General Assembly in favor of the resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Rabasa had said earlier during his visit that anyone witnessing the "absolute tolerance" practiced by Israel in Jerusalem must understand that there can be no racism here. Officials here expressed their satisfaction both with the statement and with the earlier one. Among the practical benefits to result from Rabasa's visit is the possibility of airline links between the two countries. A delegation of government officials and El Al representatives will visit Mexico shortly.

Informed sources said Israel hoped for twice-weekly flights to Mexico City within two years. The Mexican national carrier would, of course, have reciprocal rights at Ben Gurion Airport. Rabasa said that while before his visit he had liked Israelis, now he "loved" them. He had not only heard, but listened, not only saw, but observed.

HOLIDAY ISSUE

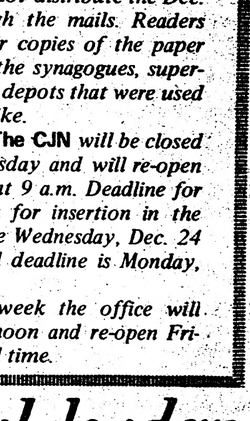
Due to the holidays, **The Canadian Jewish News** *will not distribute the Dec. 26 edition through the mails. Readers may pick up their copies of the paper free of charge at the synagogues, supermarkets and other depots that were used during the mail strike.*

The offices of **The CJN** *will be closed from noon Wednesday and will re-open Monday, Dec. 29 at 9 a.m. Deadline for display advertising for insertion in the Jan. 2 issue will be Wednesday, Dec. 24 at noon. Classified deadline is Monday, Dec. 29 at 1 p.m.*

The following week the office will close Dec. 31 at noon and re-open Friday, Jan. 2 at usual time.

National leaders oppose suggestion to relocate offices

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter



Alan Rose

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish leaders are almost unanimously opposed to the idea that the offices of national Jewish organizations should be moved to Toronto from their present location in Montreal.

Organizations such as Canadian Jewish Congress, United Israel Appeal, Jewish National Fund, Canadian Zionist Federation and State of Israel Bonds are based in Montreal, yet their national presidents reside in Toronto.

Only one group, The Zionist Organization of Canada, has moved to Toronto in recent years. And in the same period of time, the Israel Tourist Office closed its Montreal office while a few Israeli institutes of higher learning — Haifa and Tel Aviv universities — established their national headquarters here.

Alan Rose, national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, said categorically that his organization has no intention of moving. "From a public relations point of view the whole suggestion would be blown up by the French Canadian press and cause great embarrassment to the Canadian Jewish community," he noted in an interview.

Speaking in a firm tone of voice, Rose said French Canadians would interpret a Montreal-to-Toronto switch as indicative of the fact that "we're running into English

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World News

Two recent visitors to Israel were singer Frank Sinatra and West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. Sinatra, who last went to Israel in 1962, sang at a concert in Jerusalem, the proceeds of which will benefit Jewish and Arab children of that city. He stayed at the 21-storey Jerusalem Hilton Hotel. Genscher paid his respects at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial. (Star photo)

Eritrean secessionist struggle in Ethiopia yet another potential danger for Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

A savage secessionist struggle of significant importance is being waged in the wild, mountainous region of Ethiopia called Eritrea.

The fighting in the northern Ethiopian province pits the 13-month old military junta against an Arab-supported and inspired movement named the Eritrean Liberation Front. To sustain itself in power, the colonels in Addis Ababa have committed half of their army of 40,000 men to the coastal province whose strategic location may well influence at least one aspect of the ongoing Arab-Israeli dispute.

Eritrea faces the Red Sea, Israel's lifeline to Africa and Asia. Looming across the expanse of water are Saudi Arabia, Yemen and South Yemen, avowed enemies of the Jewish state. The question uppermost in the minds of Israeli — and American — strategists is what would happen if an independent Eritrea recklessly decided to acquiesce to an Arab blockade of the Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Aqaba to deprive Israel of access to her only southern port, Eilat. It is plainly obvious what would happen. A war would erupt.

This observation is not mere academic speculation. The 1956 Sinai campaign had its roots in Egypt's attempt to choke off Israel's maritime link to the Third World. In the Six Day War, Cairo triggered the massive Israeli military response after President Nasser announced that the Gulf of Aqaba would henceforth be closed to Israeli shipping. In a forgotten incident during the Yom Kippur War, Egyptian destroyers successfully blocked the Red Sea and thus isolated Eilat.

It is therefore clear that the Red Sea is a focal point of potential conflict, and any Arab efforts to tamper with the status quo there will most likely have the gravest consequences, not only for Israel and the Arabs, but for the Big Two as well.

The deteriorating situation in Eritrea thus has a crucial bearing on the final status of the Red Sea region. For the moment, the government in power controls the capital of Asmara, the port of Massawa and small population centres.

However, the Liberation Front appears to have the upper hand in the countryside and this disposition of forces may be fatal for the regime in Addis Ababa. Worse still from their point of view, Christian reticence towards the Liberation Front, which began as a Moslem group, has all but evaporated and Christian youth are believed to be as numerous as Moslems among the recruits the rebels have gained this year.

News reports from the area further indicate that the radical Moslem demand for independence is now widespread among Eritreans, even those who in the past favored a continued link to Christian-dominated Addis Ababa to balance the pull of the Arab world among the Moslems.

The general feeling among observers watching developments in this remote corner of the globe is that, despite American military aid, the regime in Addis Ababa may eventually lose its grip on Eritrea — which was colonized by Italy for 60 years, administered by Britain for 10 and which has been an autonomous area within Ethiopia for 10 more.

Approve $755 million in economic aid to Israel

WASHINGTON [JTA] — The House International Relations Committee, working on its authorization measure for foreign aid this year, approved $755 million in economic supporting assistance for Israel, $15 million more than the administration's recommended amount.

The increase was on motion of Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D-NY) and was passed by voice vote. The committee also approved the administration's $1.5 billion in military assistance credits for Israel, of which half is to be forgiven.

The committee approved the administration's request for $750 million in economic assistance for Egypt; $90 million for Syria and $77.5 million for Jordan. A move by Rep. Edward Derwinski (D.-Ill.) to suspend any aid to Syria was defeated by voice vote. The committee is expected to complete the authorization bill, which sets policy for the aid program, by the end of this week.

Women's leader Idelson is dead

LONDON [JCNS] — Mrs. Beba Idelson, the Israeli women's labor leader who gave over half a century of unstinted service to the Zionist movement, has died at the age of 80.

Mrs. Idelson (nee Trachtenberg) was born in Dnepropetrovsk, in the Ukraine, in 1895. She studied law, economics and social sciences at Kharkov University and for a spell worked in a Soviet statistical office. She was arrested and deported to Siberia for her Zionist and socialist opinions.

Expelled by the Soviet authorities in 1924, she did some organizational work in Europe before emigrating to Palestine in 1926. She settled with her husband in Petah Tikva and worked with him as an agricultural laborer.

In 1930 Mrs. Idelson was appointed general secretary of the Moetzet Hapoalot (Council of Israeli Working Women), to which Britain's Pioneer Women is affiliated, and served in that office until her retirement in 1974. She was also on the Histadrut and Mapai central committees. In 1948 she was elected to the Knesset and from 1955-61 was Deputy Speaker.

She utilized much of her time as a Knesset member championing the rights of women. She was also in the forefront in improving the status of Arab women.

DIFFERENCES

LONDON (JCNS) — Differences over communal handling of the Soviet Jewry question highlighted discussions at the recent meeting in London of the European branch of the World Jewish Congress.

Describing the Soviet Union as a great power whose might and influence were increasing, Nahum Goldmann, president of the WJC, told the delegates from 15 countries that Jewish interests could best be served by "adopting a responsible attitude."

He referred to the views expressed by recent Soviet Jewish emigrants, who had counselled a more militant approach, and added: "With all due respect to them, I do not regard their views as a guideline for political action."

A similar view was put forward by Dr. S. J. Roth, director of the WJC's European branch.

These views were challenged by Greville Janner, MP, Michael Fidler and June Jacobs — all active in the Soviet Jewry campaign — who favored an intensification of protest activities on behalf of Russian Jews.

Israel angrily recalls ambassador to Sweden

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM [JTA] — Foreign Minister Yigal Allon has recalled Israel's Ambassador to Sweden, Avner Idan, "for urgent consultations." The recall was clearly a diplomatic expression of Israel's anger over Sweden's vote in the Security Council to invite the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the Council's deliberations over Israel's air raids on terrorist bases in Lebanon Dec. 2.

Sweden was the only Western European country to vote with the Arab, Communist bloc and Third World states to extend the unprecedented privilege to the PLO. It provided the crucial ninth vote. Under Security Council rules, the assent of nine of the 15 members is required to invite outside parties to attend its sessions.

Allon told a cabinet meeting that there was no change in Israel's firm resolve to boycott the current Security Council meetings on the Lebanon raid and the Council's Middle East debate, set to open Jan. 12, to which the PLO was also invited. Allon indicated that there has been American pressure on Israel to reverse its position and attend at least some of the Security Council meetings. But Israel is resisting this pressure, the foreign minister said.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin denied at the cabinet meeting press reports of differences between himself and the Foreign Ministry on this issue. Rabin who was acting foreign minister while Allon was abroad, reportedly rejected a proposal that Israel attend those sessions of the Security Council from which the PLO representatives would be absent.

The proposal, which would have permitted Israel to participate in the debate and defend its actions over Lebanon while avoiding proximity with the PLO was said to have been suggested by Israel's UN Ambassador Chaim Herzog. Rabin said that the proposal was one of the several options presented to him by Foreign Ministry officials while he was acting foreign minister.

59 years given for consulate siege

Johannesburg [JCNS] — David Protter, 26, the former security guard at the Israeli consulate-general here, was sentenced to 59 years' imprisonment by the Supreme Court after being found guilty on 67 charges, including one of murder, arising out of the consulate siege in April.

Several of the jail terms will run concurrently and Protter will, in fact, serve 25 years. In the siege, one man, Giora Raviv, an Israeli security man, and three others were wounded and 21 held hostage.

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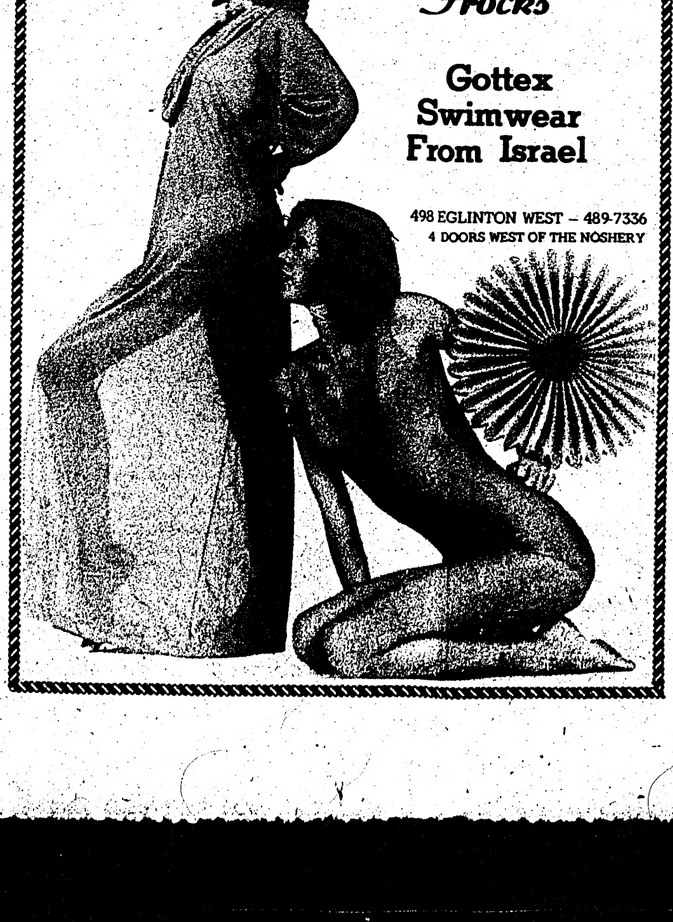

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(From Our Quebec Bureau)

MONTREAL — Despite a long postal strike, the final amount collected for the 1975 Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund represented an increase of 5% over last year. General Campaign Chairman Norman Spector announced at the closing campaign dinner held in Shaar Hashomayim Congregation.

A record number of gifts — 44,000 — for a peacetime year were collected and from within the women's division, which was chaired by Irma Polisuk, monies donated went up 14½%.

There had been fears that the mail strike would have an adverse effect on the 35th Combined Jewish Appeal, the only fall campaign in Canada, but a two-week extension and the recruiting of hundreds of extra volunteers above the 4,400 workers in the men's and women's divisions prevented a disappointing return.

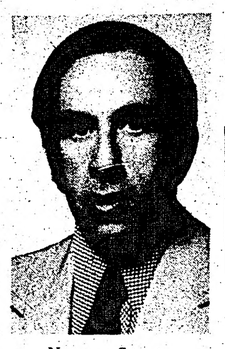
"This is a community that constantly surprises me. It is repeatedly surprising in its sophistication, its understanding and its deep sense of responsibility," Spector said.

Spector also attributed the success of the campaign to Montreal Jewry's understanding that Israel's needs are greater today than they were during the war, as well as of growing local requirements for Jewish education, the sick, the elderly and the Jewish poor.

It was also announced that Jack Zittrer will replace Spector as 1976 general campaign chairman. Zittrer was one of 26 associate chairmen of this year's campaign and co-winner, with Joe Schaffer, of The Chairman's Award. This award is given by the general chairman to one or two extraordinary campaign workers he feels worthy of special honors.

Edward Bronfman received the President of Israel Award, which consists of a Bible signed by Israeli President Ephraim Katzir recognizing "the extraordinary dimension of his commitment to Israel..." The award has only been made once before in the history of the campaign.

The Michael Hirsch Trophy, symbolic of "most outstanding work" by a campaigner, went to Herb Paperman. In the women's division, Nettie Weinstein won the Rhoda Leopold Award, the highest honor for a campaign worker.



Norman Spector

Allied Jewish Community Services' Executive-Director, Manuel Batshaw, was named executive vice-president at the closing dinner. Batshaw will be going to South Africa in January to act as a special consultant to the Jewish community's fund drive in that country.

Lorry Greenberg, the first Jewish mayor of Ottawa, is the son of a fruit peddler. Here he poses with his family, wife Carol, and five children aged six to 16. Greenberg got into municipal politics in 1968.

Ottawa's mayor, Lorry Greenberg, went from construction to politics

By JO MIRA CLODMAN

OTTAWA — Lorry Greenberg and his French-Catholic buddies used to hang around cheder — waiting to pick fights with students. "Mind you, I always took it easy because they were Jewish. I was always a little more sympathetic."

For Ottawa's first Jewish mayor, choosing sides was a simple case of loyalty to his friends.

After his election last December, some of Mayor Greenberg's friends gave him the plaque which hangs in his office; presented "with affection and esteem" by the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa.

His Worship doesn't believe in doing things halfway.

He has been photographed at the helm of a destroyer, dressed in flying regalia for a jet ride over his city, and jumping into a new fountain in his jockey shorts during an opening ceremoney.

That's only the gravy, though. Mayor Greenberg's Ottawa has, for instance, secured large sums of money from the federal government, produced a new housing program for people of modest income, and preserved heritage buildings at no cost to the city.

"I work hard and I play hard," the mayor says. Typical work days last anywhere from 12 to 16 hours.

It's a pace which his father exceeded. As a fruit peddler, and later a junk dealer, he "had to work 18 hours a day to put bread on the table, and pay the rent. Still there was a baliff at the door."

Growing up in a working-class Ottawa neighborhood, the son dreamed of being "a fireman or a football player, like any other kid." He had to ride a bike belonging to a sister 14 years his senior.

Young Greenberg moved progressively sideways through the educational system. An alma mater of Fisher Park High School, Lisgar Collegiate and Ashbury College, he never completed grade 10.

His parents couldn't really afford the cost of the college, but they sent him anyway. Education was very important to them, as it is to all Jewish families, says the mayor.

Unfortunately, he didn't share their appreciation at the time. After a few run-ins with the administration, "it was best for both of us if I left."

"We (the family) didn't become successful until I was a teenager," he says. "We didn't become prosperous until I was in my 20s." Nor was prosperity a halfway thing for Lorry Greenberg. A family business which evolved into the high-power Minto Construction Company made him a wealthy man.

During those years, though, he was drawn to a different future.

The initial jolt came when he was about 21. "I saw an aunt of mine living under what I thought were deplorable conditions in Montreal in an old age home and I just swore that no person would have to live like that if I had anything to do with it."

Although somewhat afraid of leaving the business, he retired from Minto in 1962. "I was the kid brother. I thought I'd get hell." The next eight years were devoted full-time to social service work. Including the chairmanship of agencies aiding delinquent youth, the mentally retarded and alcoholics.

Finally he turned to politics, "because a buddy of mine, a social worker, made it, and once he made it, we thought we could change the system."

He was appointed alderman in 1968, to complete someone else's term of office, elected controller in 1969 and voted senior controller and deputy mayor in 1972.

North American Jewry faces demographic threat

By S.K. LAZAROV

TORONTO — The low birthrate is the main problem facing North American Jewry, a leading American Jewish intellectual told the final session of a day-long seminar at Beth Tzedec Congregation recently.

Milton Himmelfarb, a writer, editor and lecturer, asserted that the Jewish community can in principle cope with intermarriage and assimilation, but has yet to find a solution to what he called the "demographic threat."

A director of the Information and Research Services of the American Jewish Committee, Himmelfarb said the problem is heightened because North American society is in the midst of a period when marriage and motherhood are under attack and when the feminist movement is gaining new converts to its cause.

He told the overflow audience of some 400 that he had no definite answers, but nevertheless accused Jews for not having seriously thought of the problem of the low birthrate.

Himmelfarb, an editor of the American Jewish Year Book, and a contributing editor of **Commentary**, rejected adoption as a panacea. "I don't think much of it. It's a lot of balony. There are not many kids to adopt. There is something not quite right about it."

Himmelfarb's subject was "Will Judaism Survive the Twentieth Century?". And in a scholarly speech laced with Hebrew and French, he noted that it would take more than 25 years to "finish us off."

Intermarriage and assimilation endanger Jews, he said, precisely "because we have so few children.

"If there are no Jewish bodies, Jewish souls will not find lodgings. For there to be Judaism, there must be Jews. Having children is not the only condition to perpetuate Judaism, it is the necessary condition."

Indulging in futurological forecasting, Himmelfarb said that if the Jewish population continues to diminish, "there will be fewer but better Jews," and Judaism may be more Orthodox-oriented than today.

In spite of the triple concerns of intermarriage, assimilation and the low birthrate, he said, Judaism is hardly in a state of crisis. Unlike Christianity, Judaism is not wracked by self-doubts and confusion. And Jews have a much clearer self-image of themselves than the Christians, especially the Catholics.

Jews, he explained, faced the crisis of modernity 200 years ago, while Catholics are up against it now. "So maybe we're less worse off, even if we're not doing so well," he said.

Gellman elected

TORONTO — Albert Gellman has succeeded Dr. Fred Weinberg as president of Beth Tzedec Congregation. Former chairman of the board, Gellman was elected at the congregation's annual meeting.

Dr. Weinberg had presided over the synagogue for a stormy three-year period which included the dismissal of Rabbi Stuart A. Rosenberg.

Other senior officers of the 2,400-family congregation are: Bernard S. Dales, chairman of the board; Dr. Louis R. Harnick, first vice-president; Mark A. Levy, second vice-president; Max Milstone, vice-chairman of the board; John K. Wahl, secretary and Harry Lewis, treasurer.

New rabbi installed

WINNIPEG [JCNS] — Rabbi Michael H. Newman, formerly minister of the Luton congregation in Britain, has been inducted as rabbi of the Herzlia Adas Yeshurun Synagogue in Winnipeg.

Rabbi Irwin E. Witty of Toronto, and Rabbi Michael Newman's father, Rabbi Dr. Eugene Newman, the minister of the Dunstan Road Synagogue, Golders Green, London, took part in the induction ceremony.

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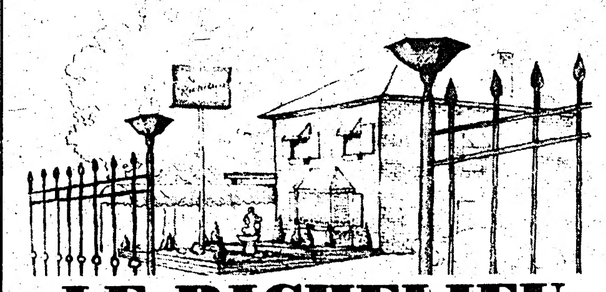

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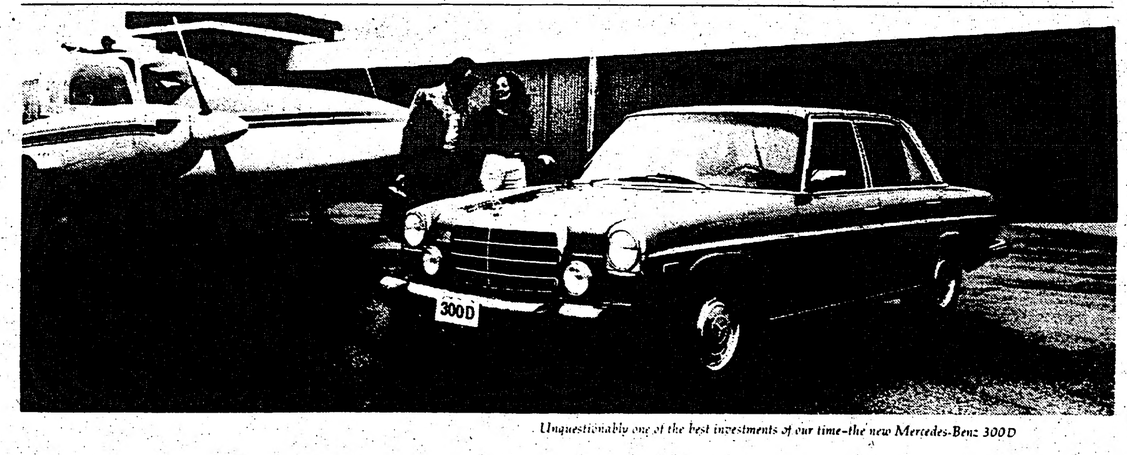

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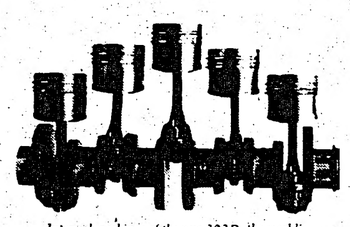

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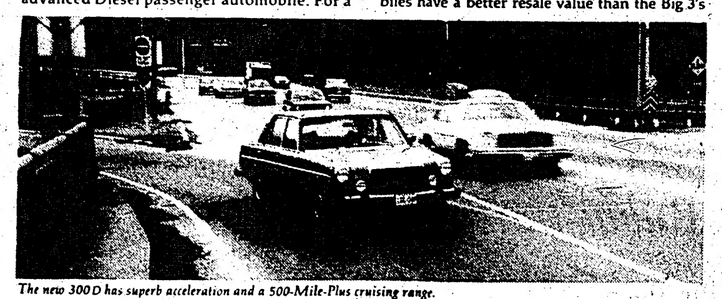

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Art of doublespeak alive and well in propaganda of Yasser Arafat

In George Orwell's surrealistic and frightening novel, **1984,** the dictatorial rulers lording it over their compliant, proletarian minions employed various psychological techniques to cower these poor laboring souls into timidity and passivity. To further confuse them, the anonymous powers that-be terrified the masses with utterly serious and devastating word games — doublespeak — which were as perilous to the participants as Russian roulette itself. Thus, white was black and black was white; justice was tyranny and tyranny was justice; love was hate and hate was love. The terms were interchangeable and juggled around with the deftness of a seasoned circus performer.

Orwell's great work of art was pure fiction, yet the characters and ideas propelling the book forward were, in fact, based on real-like events (and persons) which appear to be repeating themselves in the 1970s. Sophisticated men and women cannot always be fooled by the artful Russians, cunning Chinese or blundering Americans. But for some strange reason, Middle Eastern politics remains a constant source of obfuscation, an elusive subject of intrigue and mystery, a prime example of Orwell's famous doublespeak.

Of all the outstanding problems inherent in the Arab-Israeli imbroglio, none is as more complex or as filled with doublespeak as the Palestinian question. What, for example, is a secular state? It is possible to obliterate an objectionable state without destroying its people? And finally, can an embittered people — the Palestinians — live side by side, in beautiful peace, with a vanquished people, which the Israelis would become if the PLO won the struggle?

PLO leader Yasser Arafat has never had any trouble about the crying contradictions and loose logical threads in the philosophy his organization espouses. But if he has hoodwinked hordes into believing that his concept of brotherly love is consistent with his repugnant violent means, he has not deceived the National Council of Teachers of English, based in California.

They have named Arafat winner of the second annual Public Doublespeak Award. He was cited for "misuse of public language" for this answer to a charge that the PLO wanted to wipe out Israel: "They are wrong. We do not want to destroy any people. It is precisely because we have been advocating coexistence that we have shed so much blood."

Daniel J. Dietrich, chairman of the Committee on Public Doublespeak, called Arafat's statement "the most eloquent expression of the philosophy that 'love is hate' and 'war is peace' he had ever heard. We concur. Yasser Arafat is indeed one of the world's supreme practitioners of doublespeak — a verbal subterfuge that unfortunately is in no danger of becoming extinct.

'Black people cannot turn their backs on a friend,' is credo of BASIC

At a time when many Black Americans more or less identify with the Arab crusade against Israel and Zionism it is indeed comforting to know that there are some Blacks who are not caught up in the vortex of the mind-numbing rhetoric and sophistry that has become the inimitable trademark of United Nations debates on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

An organization called BASIC — Black Americans to Support Israel Committee — has been formed in New York City by a group of prominent Blacks to counter the irrational anti-Semitism that virulent anti-Zionism has spawned among ordinary Black citizens. Among the Blacks supporting BASIC are civil rights leaders Bayard Rustin and A. Philip Randolph; Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Percy C. Sutton, Manhattan borough president.

BASIC will attempt to foster a better understanding of the democratic nature of Israeli society and seek to refute the abominable lie that Israelis are fundamentally racists.

The organizers of BASIC are campaigning on Israel's behalf not only because they believe that Jews have as much right to national self-determination as Palestinian Arabs or Poles or Germans — but because they realize that American Jews were, and are now, in the forefront of the civil rights movement. As Mr. Randolph stated: "Jewish Americans supported us, marched with us and died for the cause of racial freedom. Black people cannot turn their backs on a friend."

These are worthy words — sentiments which ought to be emulated by a host of nations, if only for the sake of simple morality.

Literary statesman Lionel Trilling dies

Lionel Trilling was the quintessential man of letters, and to Canadian critic Robert Fulford he was the acknowledged elder statesman of the American literary scene. A consummate academic who was both a creator and a product of the Jewish Renaissance of the '30s and '40s, Trilling had become a literary critic of international repute long before his death at 70.

Yet he was much more than a great critic. Trilling was a renowned teacher, and when he died at his home in New York City last month he was University Professor Emeritus at Columbia. Among the students he taught were hip poet Allen Ginsberg and **Commentary** editor Norman Podhoretz. In the classroom, Trilling was grave, thoughtful and witty; and for 30 years he and Jacques Barzun jointly conducted a course in cultural history and criticism of the 19th and 20th centuries that was regarded by many as one of the most important, innovative and intellectual ventures at Columbia.

Literary criticism in his hands was not merely a consideration of style but also a critique of the ideas inherent in Western civilization. "If a work of literature has any true artistic meaning," he once remarked, "it has value as a criticism of life." In the course of his long and distinguished career, he wrote mainly about the writers and thinkers of the last two centuries, and today his reputation rests on studies of Matthew Arnold and E.M. Forster.

Trilling graduated from Columbia in 1925, beginning an association that extended for 44 years. He joined the faculty of Columbia in 1931, and in time became the first Jew in the English department to receive tenure. As a teacher and writer, Trilling was the recipient of many honors and awards, and he served on the editorial board of two of the most influential literary magazines of his time, **Kenyon Review** and **Parisian Review.** He himself was not a prolific writer and neither did he leave behind him a central body of ideas. But that did not seem to matter.

There was only one Lionel Trilling and now he is dead.

Rabbi claims world skipping record

Most of us think that rabbis have no time for frivolity. Caught up in the swirl of unfolding events, they appear to have no room in their schedules for activities other than scholarship, preaching, praying and officiating at weddings, bar mitzvahs or funerals.

And tradition confirms this view. In the Talmudic era, rabbis were interpreters and expounders of Bible and Oral Law, and in the Middle Ages they became interpreters of the law, teachers, preachers and spiritual heads of Jewish communities or congregations — a role modern-day rabbis inherited from their precedessors.

In Milwaukee, however, there is a rabbi who has seemingly broken with this hallowed tradition. He is Francis Barry Silberg, 32, who has claimed the world record for continuous rope skipping as recorded by the unchallenged **Guiness Book of World Records.**

Incredibly, he jumped 35,000 rope revolutions in four hours and 10 minutes, to surpass the previous mark set in 1953. Associate rabbi at Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, Rabbi Silberg prepared himself for this monumental non-Talmudic feat by running 10 to 15 minutes daily and by jumping rope.

Readers will undoubtedly be pleased to learn that Rabbi Silberg is an old hand at establishing world records. Seven years ago, in scorching desert heat, he ran the snake path route up Masada in a blazing 16 minutes, 20 seconds, thereby setting a record.

Given his athletic proclivities, it is doubtful whether Rabbi Silberg's name will be uttered in the same breath as such rabbinic authorities as Isaac Meyer Wise or Isaac Herzog. But no matter. At least Francis Barry Silberg has the unusual distinction of being the only ordained rabbi in the world to be included with all those brave, eccentric and innovative characters found between the pages of the inimitable **Guiness Book of World Records.**

Photo essay deals with experiences of new Canadians

Turn-of-century immigrants added color to community

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

Harold Troper and Robert Harney, sons and grandsons of immigrants, have demolished at least one long-standing myth with the publication of their latest book.

Immigrants, a 212-page self-styled "photo essay" on the trials and tribulations of new Canadians in Toronto from 1890-1930, debunks the popular and, in some quarters, nostalgic notion that Toronto was always and forever a homogeneous and stable outpost of British society.

According to the authors, both of whom are professional historians, **Immigrants** (Van Nostrand Reinhold Ltd. Toronto) is the first volume of its kind dealing exclusively with the immigrant experience in Toronto the Good.

To long-suffering Torontonians, the Harney/Troper book will probably be welcomed because while many local residents have read numerous accounts of Winnipeg's North End and Montreal's Main, little or nothing whatsoever has been published about their own turf, Spadina and Kensington.

Troper, whose Polish-born father was a needle trade worker in his multi-faceted career, said the purpose of **Immigrants** was basically two-fold: to expose the richness of immigrant life to the general community and, hopefully, to academia, which has all but ignored immigrants in the context of Canadian history.

Harney, of Irish, Italian and Polish-Jewish extraction, and a transplanted American to boot, explained that until quite recently, Canadian historians were content to eschew the study of immigrants because the topic was invariably viewed as a subject of investigation primarily for sociologists and perhaps social workers.

Immigrants, the first book they have co-authored together, really grew out of their ethnic backgrounds, and of their careers.

Troper, 33, teaches history at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. He has taught courses on immigrant history and written three books, including one on Canadian immigration entitled **Only Farmers Need Apply.**

For many years, his parents worked as janitors at the Farband Building on Cecil Street; and although he was raised in the Bathurst-St. Clair area, he remarked smilingly: "I'd like to say I grew up around College and Spadina but I can't!" Troper's wife, Eydie, is also of immigrant stock, her parents hailing from Poland and Russia.

Harney, 36, is a professor of history at the University of Toronto, and is currently working on **The Italians in Canada.** His ancestors originate from Lvov, Cork and Trieste. He was raised as a Catholic, and his Jewish-descended mother converted to Roman Catholicism in her 40s. Harney's wife is of Swedish-Italian stock.

Despite the importance of the text, the heart and soul of **Immigrants** consists of some 150 black-and-white photos of bygone classroom and street scenes, of proud store owners standing in front of their enterprises and of old, bearded Orthodox Jews posing lovingly with their children or grandchildren.

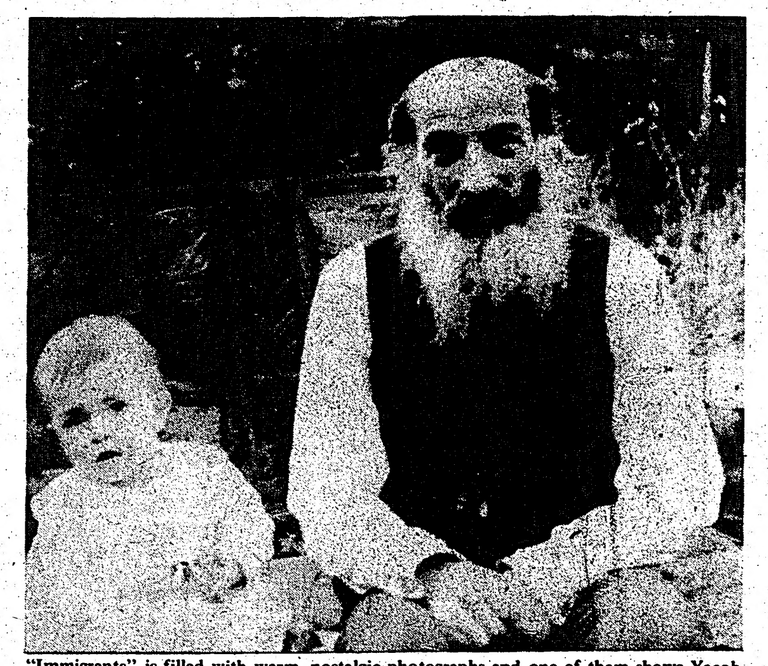
Harney and Troper screened approximately 5,000 photos from public archives and family albums before emerging with the 150 reproduced in their book. They looked at 100 family albums and photos from 25 families were ultimately selected, including a marvellous picture showing **The Canadian Jewish News** staff reporter Toba (Goldenberg) Korenblum's great-grandfather and her father in an inimitable old-world pose.

To Harney and Troper, the wealth of photographs in **Immigrants** illustrates the value of the camera as both an historical technique as well as a source. As they put it: "While families discard picture albums of forgotten relatives, and big city newspapers mindlessly clean out old picture files, the tactile and real sense of the city and the immigrant experience fall more and more into the hands of a younger generation of university researchers who measure, compute and speculate about the urban condition at the turn of the century but rarely empathize with the inhabitants. Pictures can redress that failing and rescue the city and the historian from arid statistics about the urban past..."

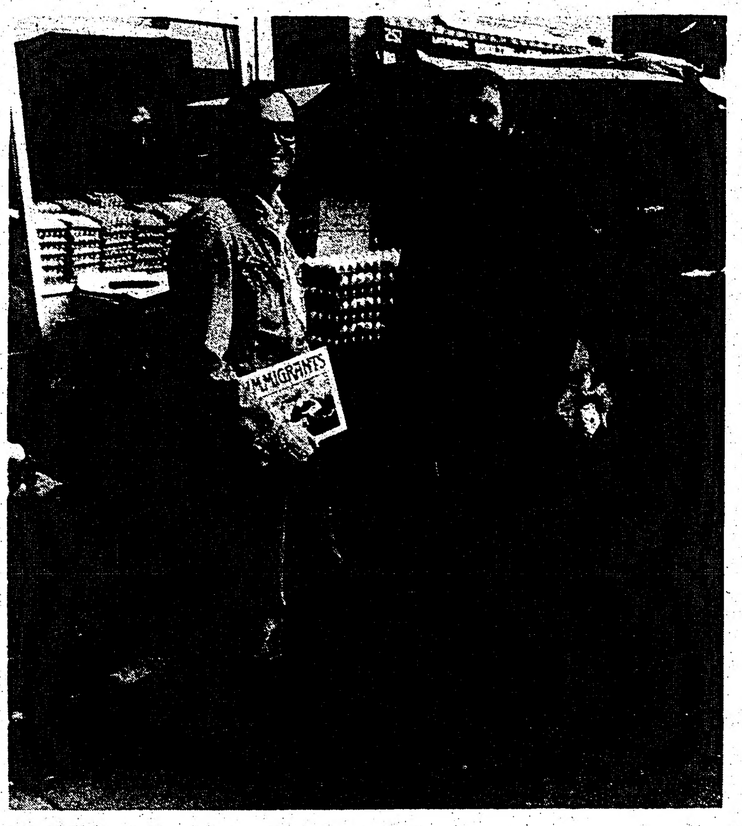
In glimpsing the text, a reader emerges with a plethora of interesting facts, among the most fascinating being: The city's Jews mainly resided in the north and central portion of what was known as "the ward" — the rectangle bounded on the north by College, on the south by Queen, on the west by University and on the east by Yonge. They were under assault from evangelists and one of the keenest proselytizers was a converted Palestinian Jew. In spite of the church's efforts to bring the heathen Jews into the Christian fold, they were abysmally unsuccessful in their drive.

"Folklore, backed by hard reality, provided Jews with countless examples of the family pain, evil consequence, and futility that came when one sought escape from prejudice or oppression through conversion," according to the authors. Relations between Jewish and non-Jewish immigrants were good because they all shared what they term a feeling of "otherness" in the face of indifference, resentment or hostility from the Anglo-Saxon majority, according to the authors.

Although they were unable to say whether they plan to collaborate on a companion volume to **Immigrants,** covering the years from the Great Depression to World War II, they stressed that they will each continue to chronicle the history of Canadian immigration — a subject which seems to be coming into its own after years of neglect.



"Immigrants" is filled with warm, nostalgic photographs and one of them shows Yacob Yoseph Goldenberg and his grandson, Henry, a well-known Toronto doctor today. Troper and Harney looked at 5,000 photos before choosing the 150 that appear in the book.



Harold Troper (left) and Robert Harney, authors of "Immigrants", are seen in Kensington Market, an area of Toronto they described in book. Troper and Harney teach history at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and University of Toronto, respectively.

Mediterranean may be linked to Dead Sea

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHEVOT —

An idea first put forward by Zionist visionary Theodor Herzl 73 years ago, and then brought up again four decades later by American soil conservationist Walter Clay Lowdermilk, may soon, at long last, be implemented. If it is, it will literally change the landscape of Israel.

Herzl, Lowdermilk and others writing more recently have advocated the construction of a canal (or a tunnel) through which seawater would flow from the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea so that the 400-metre drop in elevation from the former to the latter could be exploited for electric power generation.

Advocates came and went, but only recently, prompted by the energy crisis, did the government appoint a committee to seriously consider the possible implementation of such a scheme. The committee, headed by Bar-Ilan Prof. Shlomo Eckstein, had before it a plan for building a 75-km. tunnel which would bring Mediterranean water to a reservoir in the Judean Desert highland overlooking the Dead Sea, from which it would be "dropped" through power-generating turbines with an installed capacity of 300 megawatts.

The next stage, if the Eckstein Committee's recommendations are accepted by the government, will be a pre-feasibility study, including test drillings at various places along the proposed route. According to present estimates, the project will require 10 years to complete and cost something over $200-million (at current prices). On going into operation, it will not only increase electricity supplies, but also replenish the rapidly evaporating waters of the Dead Sea, from which large quantities of potash, bromine and other valuable minerals are extracted. Traditional sources of replenishment, particularly the inflow from the Jordan River, have gradually dried up as more and more sweet water is being siphoned off upstream by Israelis and Jordanians for irrigation purposes.

There is a limit to the amount of seawater that can be poured into the Dead Sea if it is not to overflow. Thus the turbines can only be activated for some 2,700 hours a year. As presently conceived, the flow would be scheduled to coincide with periods of peak demands for electricity, when hydroelectric power would supply 10% of Israel's estimated electricity requirements 10 years hence). However, should other power stations be put temporarily out of action, the turbines could be kept in operation for an extended period, after which they would have to be shut down for two or three years while the Dead Sea "dried up."

This project might well make another contribution to the development of Israel's electricity supplies. The substantial quantities of water flowing through the proposed tunnel, planners say, could be used for cooling purposes by nuclear power stations, making it possible to build them away from the crowded seashore.

Letters to the Editor

Draw prize repulses reader

Dear Editor:

At this time of trial for Jewish people everywhere, it is too bad we are so divided and confused. Barney Danson MP says we should support the UN meeting and stop making a fuss about the PLO entry to Canada.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut, on the other hand, says that we are really in a state of war and he will lead the fight to bar the PLO. The city of Vancouver would like the meeting cancelled but Trudeau says it will go on as scheduled.

Phil Givens, a Liberal MPP, but also a Zionist says he cannot accept the policy set out by Trudeau and Danson. The large established Jewish organizations in Canada have not given the leadership we have a right to expect.

The travel agencies have given leadership and direction in demonstrating their opposition and recommendations to avoid or cancel holiday jaunts to countries which voted us "racists", it is therefore, with surprise and revulsion that I note a special prize on Hadassah draw tickets is a trip to Mexico.

There is still time to correct this and I sincerely hope it will be done. A great American once said... "If we do not hang together, we will hang separately." How well this applies to today's quandary.

We cannot afford the luxury of minor squabbles and internal friction in our Jewish community. One thought only must prevail. Am Yisroel Chai!!!

Harold N. Segal,
Downsview.

Dear Editor:

I would like to submit herewith an excerpt from a letter I just sent to the Catholic-Anglican Office for Jewish-Christian Dialogue:

"I just read in the press that the pope has severely condemned the Israeli air raids of terrorist bases in Lebanon. Please note my profound relief to discover that His Holiness still is alive and well in the Vatican. For it is some time now, ever since the pope sent a warm letter of support and blessings to his Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, the self-admitted gunrunner for the El Fatah and PLO, that I did not hear the usual flow of moral pronouncements emanating from the Vicar of Christ residing in the Vatican.

Since the pope's letter there has been the bombing of Zion's Square in the centre of Jerusalem, the slaughter of students on the Golan Heights and a series of interesting resolutions in the UN. Anxious to learn how I and the world, as moral subjects, must relate to these developments, I hoped for some spiritual guidance from His Venerable Holiness. Unfortunately none was forthcoming. I could not help but conclude that the pope must be seriously ill, or worse.

What a great relief, therefore, now to discover that Pope Paul is alive and well after all, and once more continues to concern himself with the moral stability and standards of our universe.

J.I. Schochet,
Downsview.

Dear Editor:

One of the basic principles of the UN is full participation of all members. This is one of the things that confuses me. The state of Israel was created by a UN resolution in 1948. And it would appear to me that only those countries that acknowledge and accept this 1948 resolution have the right to discuss or act upon any resolutions involving Israel in any subsequent years. How can they discuss the affairs of a state that does not exist to them? I'm no Kissinger but that makes sense to me. Accept the 1948 resolution first and then all subsequent resolutions may be discussed freely.

That's fair!

Shari J. Segal,
Downsview.

Pouring jug water onto hands ritualistic

ask the rabbi

1. Why do Orthodox Jews wash their hands before meals with water poured from a jug rather than from the tap?

The washing of the hands before meals is a ritual and is not for the purpose of physically cleansing the hands (which must be clean, in any event, before the ritual can be effective). It is based on the ritualistic washing of the hands by the priests before they ate the sacred food, (terumah).

It is thus a rabbinic enactment, an extension of the priestly laws to the members of the whole "kingdom of priests" in order to cultivate holy living. Since it is a ritualistic washing it must be done with an unbroken vessel, (Hullin 107a).

In English the words whole, holy and healthy are all derived from the same root. However, the authorities rule that if a vessel is not available it is permitted to wash the hands from the tap, this being then considered as immersion, which is effective even if no vessel is used.

They go on to say that when this is done the tap should be turned on especially for each washing so that the water comes on to the hands by human effort. Here again there is an interesting bit of symbolism. Holiness depends on prior human effort and does not drop down automatically from Heaven.

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Outreach programs are source of pride for Mount Sinai Hospital

By ELLIE TESHER

TORONTO —

Mount Sinai Hospital was among the nation's innovators in health care services when it introduced the Koffler Ambulatory Care Centre as a new concept in the treatment of out-of-hospital patients.

According to Ted Freedman, the hospital's assistant executive director, the warm and personal atmosphere of the fourth floor's comprehensive care program has become a model, now being followed by several other hospitals, to eliminate the traditional and often sterile out-patient departments of the past.

"The emphasis is on a single standard of care for all patients whatever their means, and the combatting of confusion and hardship for those with language or financial difficulties," said Freedman. The former familiar situation for out-patients of endless waiting on hard benches is replaced by volunteer staffers offering coffee and information in pleasant surroundings where the patient has scheduled appointments with the doctor of his choice.

For the man on the street who requires medical attention, the ambulatory floor provides approximately 40 full-time doctors whose services are available to him on a one-stop basis. The services located on the floor range from dentistry, family medicine and surgery to social workers and a dietician who provides free nutrition counselling to the patient.

Mount Sinai Hospital's foresight and leadership in such community outreach projects as the ambulatory care program is a source of great pride to its board chairman, Monty M. Simmonds.

"My concept of the hospital is that it is one of the major areas in which the Jewish community serves the total community," says Simmonds who admits to pouring all his available energies into hospital leadership. He cites the hospital's other successful community projects, such as investigative eye-screening with the surrounding Chinese population.

Historically, in Toronto, the Chinese have shied away from hospital care, reports Simmonds. Their present comfortable experience at Mount Sinai Hospital, the presence of a Chinese social worker to ease their adjustment, and the provision of language aids and interpreters have created a positive cultural interaction, he says.

Monty M. Simmonds of Mount Sinai.

"All the ethnic groups we serve know that the hospital is under Jewish auspices," claims the dedicated 50-year-old chairman. "Its the kind of interaction that must be encouraged. That's the way our board feels about it."

Although satisfied the Jewish community recognizes Mount Sinai as "their" hospital, Simmonds wants the community to be aware of the hospital's commitment to its Jewish population, providing ever-expanded comforts — from brith facilities (a room for ritual circumcision) to a sabbath elevator.

The patient mix is approximately 40% Jewish patients and 60% non-Jewish, the latter of all nationalities and from all over Metro Toronto and beyond, within Ontario.

Ted Freedman explained that when Metro is divided into various census tracts, the patients are seen to originate from every area. Yet there is a higher concentration from the census tracts covering Bathurst Street, from St. Clair to 401, in other words, the backbone of Jewish settlement in Toronto.

In a further effort to serve the Jewish population, the hospital has opened a satellite family practice centre in a house at 30 Baycrest Avenue. This facility, along with the hospital itself, works closely with Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. The satellite unit provides the primary care component in the total system of care to the Jewish aged in that area.

Simmonds, who was president of the hospital during its recent relocation to its modern structure at 600 University Avenue, housing 608 beds and over 1,800 staff, points to the Jewish community for the provision of added funds essential in making Mount Sinai Hospital a leader in various areas of medical expertise.

The new building involved a total project of $43 million of which $10 million came from the private sector.

In an interview with **The CJN**, the hospital's director of endowments and memorials committee, Minerva Rosenthal, added that the lion's share of research monies come from Jewish sources. Ms. Rosenthal explained that the principal money of the endowments is invested and the interest used by the hospital's research departments. Basic operating costs for the research program are expected to require nearly $400,000 per year to be generated annually by a hoped-for total capital sum of $5 million. The present endowment fund totals $1.8 million.

Simmonds stressed the significance of available research funds during the present government budget restrictions on hospital research. Since teaching appointments at the hospital are joint appointments with the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine, tightened university budgets could affect the hospital's ability to attract research personnel.

Simmonds says that the board of directors (45 officers who meet on a voluntary basis at least once every three months, with an 11-member executive committee meeting a minimum of once a month) is committed to meeting hospital research needs despite government cutbacks.

"The total research program directly adds to patient care," he insists.

Teachers' welfare serious

By J.B. SALSBERG

My dear and understanding readers, I appeal to you for patience.

I urged you to retreat with me for a few weeks and to take a pacifying flight into our past. I know also that most of you had your bags packed and were ready for the brief escape from our unattractive political reality. I, too, was packed. But something happened and the flight had to be postponed for a week.

No, the world scene didn't improve during the past week. The desire to turn one's back on it is as strong as before. But...you guessed it — uncle Eliezer intervened and, as usual, he was right. Here is how it came about.

"How can you run away," he said protestingly over the telephone, "when so many of our Jewish children, dedicated teachers of our children are on strike and nobody in our Jewish community has uttered a single word about it." And to add weight to his complaint he added, "even your paper has not written a line about this event."

Well, I realized that we wouldn't settle it over the telephone so I asked him to pay me a visit. He did. As usual we drank tea with lemon and talked for the better part of the evening. The result is this compromise; I will write a column about the Jewish aspect of the teachers strike in Metro Toronto's high schools, but the retreat to our past will go on as planned but one week later.

As uncle Eliezer sees it a strike of cloakmakers, men's tailors, furriers or hatmakers, up to the very recent past, would occupy the centre of attention in the Jewish community. The Jewish press, Yiddish and English, would write and comment on the event throughout its duration. Often, public meetings would be held in the Spadina-College area to discuss the given strike and to rally support to the strikers. "Now," said my uncle, "no one, except the teachers and their families seem to be concerned."

I had to agree that there may be more Jewish young men and women involved in the present teachers strike than were involved in the garment trade strikes many years ago. This may shock some readers but I believe it to be true. So why the difference in attitude? I believe that there are both objective as well as serious subjective reasons for this change in interest. Let's look at them.

Up to the Second World War our Jewish community was made up of an overwhelming majority of wage earners and a strike in an allied branch of the garment industry would inevitably affect all other branches. Also the Jewish economy was centred in the garment trades where Jewish employers and Jewish employees dominated. (Though it would be wrong to assume that there were no non-Jews engaged in those industries.) A strike of tailors, for instance, meant that all service branches (grocers, bakers, butchers, etc. etc.) were adversely affected. A strike in such a setting became a community concern.

Since the Second World War, the social composition of our communities (in Canadian as well as in the U.S.) has changed considerably but, and this is very important, not as radically as some people — especially in our leadership ranks — seem to assume.

True that our middle class — upper, middle and lower has grown extensively and so have the numbers of our professionals, but the bulk of our people are still in the wage, salary and self-employed categories. Furthermore, whereas we were once concentrated in the garment trades we are now spread in many occupational groupings in which the Jews constitute only a segment of the larger unit of the given specialized personnel. The economic base has shifted but the essential interests remain — though in different forms — as far as the majority of Jews are concerned.

Jews are prominent in the professions, (law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy) in sales staffs, in every area of Canada's educational institutions, in social work, in music and entertainment generally, in highly skilled service industries, in the civil service, more than is realized in given industries, in the taxi field, etc, etc.

These are the essential objective conditions that affected our communal life and structure in the past but are not yet properly expressed in the present community leadership and structure.

The subjective conditions are, therefore, mainly of an internal nature. Our leadership, press, and so on is oriented on the fallacious assumption that we have become a one class community. That assumption is not only fundamentally wrong but is positively dangerous, for reasons that should be crystal clear to every thoughtful person in our ranks...

So, the involvement of hundreds of our fine and dedicated Jewish teachers is an important happening in our midst. It is that even if one questions or disagrees with the teachers' demands or with the manner in which their negotiators conducted the negotiations. Many, many hundreds of our younger Jewish families are involved in the unsought confrontation. Their welfare must be a serious concern of our entire community.

Uncle Eliezer, who has two nephews on the teachers picket line, made a rather interesting point. He said: "Do the parents and grandparents in our midst realize that tomorrow it may be, no, most likely will be 'my son the doctor' or 'my son the professor' who will be on strike? It's happening elsewhere and will happen here too."

In the meantime I join my uncle in saying to our young men and women on the teacher's picket line: "Cheers, and a speedy settlement!"

Comment

United Church's stand towards conference 'appears more reasonable' than our own

By A.J. ARNOLD

WINNIPEG —

For several decades all discussions about the future of the Jewish people invariably recall the dangers of the view **It Can't Happen Here,** the sloganized title of the Sinclair Lewis book with which so many people fooled themselves about the dangers of Hitlerism before World War II. By this time however the ritual-like rejection of **It Can't Happen Here** has become a distasteful banality invoked to stir up the reasonable concerns of many people into the spectre-like fear that: "we may wake up one morning to find our citizenship annulled or cancelled!"

The quote in the foregoing comment is from Prof. Howard Roiter of Montreal when he spoke at the recent Holocaust education seminar in Winnipeg and also declared: "Only Jews care about Jews." This is a good example of what Prof. Irwin Cotler, also of Montreal, is trying to convey when he says: "many Canadian Jews appear uneasy as Canadians and ambivalent as Jews."

A. J. Arnold

It is time for another look at the UN anti-Zionist resolution more than one month after its adoption. Without in any way re-emphasizing its dangers we should take note of some of the additional expressions of opinion about it. At least one high Catholic prelate, in the person of Cardinal Flahiff has condemned the resolution and called it "despicable", at a gathering of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews in Toronto.

When the Ontario Legislature adopted a resolution unanimously associating itself with the House of Commons in Ottawa in rejecting the UN resolution, MPP Philip Givens, president of the Zionist Federation, pointed out that Jewish people throughout Canada "were shaken and shocked to the marrow" by the UN action.

While Jews have understandably taken the most serious view of this development, we should realize that a mixed bag of motives lay behind it. **The Vancouver Province,** a morning paper, explained this in an editorial (Nov. 14) when it stated: "Zionism is not racist (and) does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race. Israel may be guilty of de facto discrimination on the basis of creed or nationality but if so it is not alone."

Many nations practice such discrimination "de facto and legal" said the editorial, "and some of the worst offenders...voted to condemn Israel...for a variety of motives...anti-Zionism, anti-Semitism, fear of the Arab-dominated oil cartel, and even...anti-Americanism. **This was not a genuine condemnation of an erring nation by a truly-concerned world (but) a crude political vote by a cynical mob.**"

The Province editorial stressed: "Unfortunately, the resolution will not go away and can hardly be ignored... The fact remains that Israel must seek to persuade the UN to rescind or counter (it)... **Hasty moves may initially look like winners for a public relations campaign. But they may well not serve the long-range interests of Israel, its allies, or the UN.**"

We only wish that our Vancouver friends, in the City Council as well as in the leadership of the Jewish community would have taken more seriously the advice of the editorial in their own daily paper.

Whether or not we agree with the action of Vancouver City Council of calling for cancellation of the Habitat conference it was surely ill-conceived.

At the beginning of December leaders of Vancouver's major Jewish organizations endorsed the action of the City Council. The Vancouver representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress, the Zionist Federation and the Jewish Community Fund and Council reportedly stated that their main objection to Habitat was due to the anticipated PLO attendance.

If this is the case they are out of line with the national leadership of Congress and the Zionist Federation who have explicitly stated that while they will continue to oppose the attendance of the PLO they will not seek cancellation of the conference if their efforts fail.

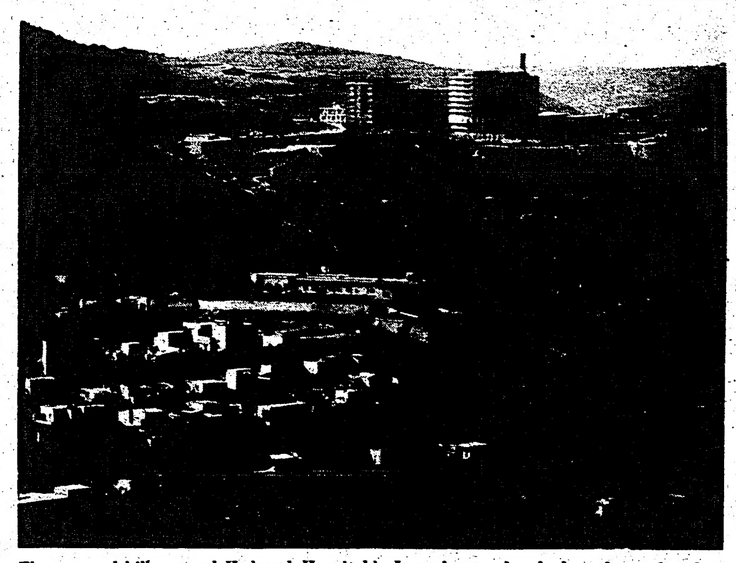
Frankly the position taken by the United Church in Vancouver appears to be much more reasonable than that taken by the Jewish leaders. In asking the Council to reverse its call for cancellation of Habitat the United Church recognized that the situation had arisen from the "complexity of issues" resulting from the UN resolution against Zionism.

The church statement added: "We do not believe that either Zionism or the PLO are inherently racist or violent. We recognize that in seeking their objective, people adhering to both Zionism and the PLO sometimes engage in violence and racism. We join with other concerned people in deploring racism and violence wherever they may be found."

In recent years influential elements of the leadership of the United Church in Canada have supported positions which clearly appeared to be pro-Arab and anti-Israel. By this Vancouver statement however the United Church has associated itself with the position of the World Council of Churches which condemned the UN resolution as soon as it was adopted.

The ramifications of this grave situation are obviously much greater than we can deal with conclusively in the space of one or two articles. Our comments to date should be sufficient to emphasize that the UN vote against Zionism and related resolutions favoring the PLO cannot be taken as a finality.

It has rather brought the situation to a new stage in which a rethinking of positions is essential. This has already begun in some quarters and we hope that Jews everywhere will be able to allay their emotional turmoil to be able to take a constructive part on the pragmatic rethinking which is most vital.



The terraced hills around Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem used to be bare, but today they are full of blooming trees thanks to reforestation work of Jewish National Fund.

JNF restoration program turned desert wasteland into beauty once again

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

The distinguished guests, including Palestine's High Commissioner, Sir Arthur Wauchope, awaited the arrival of the guest of honor. It was Dec. 19, 1935. The "guest of honor" was actually a cypress tree from the gardens of Windsor Palace in England.

Wishing to honor the silver jubilee of the coronation of King George V, the Jewish community of Palestine accepted the suggestion by the Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth L'Yisroel) to plant a King George V forest in the hills of Ma'alul. The cypress from the royal gardens was planted that day (later, terrorist actions were to destroy the tree) and plans were made to fill the 2,000 dunam forest with approximately half a million trees.

Since its inception on Dec. 29, 1901, at the Fifth Zionist Congress, to the present day, the JNF would be responsible for the creation of numerous forests and the planting of millions of trees where once stood swampland, desert and rocky hills.

From its earliest land purchases a few years after its beginning (the JNF was the Zionist movement's first formal, financial instrument), throughout its 74-year history, the JNF has played some role in the creation of settlements like Degania, urban areas like Tel Aviv and cultural centres such as the Bezalel Art Museum.

As well, through its program of helping to create hundreds of thousands of apartments, building numerous roads and, of course, sharing in all phases of land reclamation, it has not only aided the economy by such means as providing employment, but also has served as an instrument enabling the more rapid absorption of hundreds of thousands of immigrants by locating them on land that is not part of the public sector.

From what started off as modest ideas, like planting a grove of olive trees, in 1907, in the memory of Herzl (Biblical references of 10 influenced types of trees to plant), the story of the JNF would grow to encompass nearly every aspect of life in the yishuv and, later, the state of Israel. (The day after Yom Kippur, 1946, Jewish settlers quickly established 11 settlements on JNF land in the Negev. Such actions greatly affected the United Nations partition plan of 1947 which, to a large extent, followed the outline of JNF holdings.)

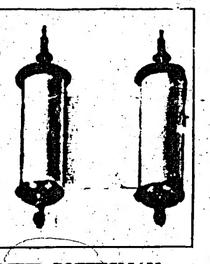
Notwithstanding its variegated history, for millions throughout the world, the JNF would become synonymous with "trees". During the Six Day War, the 100 millionth tree was planted.

Centuries of neglect and abuse had turned a land filled with fruit trees and forest trees into deserts and swamplands. Now, once again, as in the days of the Bible, tamarisk and acacia grow in the Negev.

With it, no one can touch us, says rabbi

'Yiddishkeit is the best insurance policy'

sparks from the torah



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayechi

Yehudah atah yoducha achecha... Judah, thee shall they brethren praise...

Even the mail arrives quicker than the Messiah these days. But what's the use asking questions — the Ribono shel Olam knows when the time is right...

Whenever the saintly Chofetz Chaim traveled, he took along a special Shabbos coat which he never wore. His students asked him why. The tzadik smiled — "who knows...any moment the **meshiach** may appear, and there'll be no time to prepare. Like this, I'm ready..."

In the meantime, there's only one insurance policy for Jews, not Mutual of Omaha — but Yiddishkeit. As long as we stay an **am kadosh,** no one can touch us. Consider...when Jacob blessed his grandchildren, he prayed — **"v'yidgu la'rov b'kerev ha'aretz**...they should multiply like fish in the midst of the earth..."

What's so hot about fish? But Jacob said — "even if you take a fat chicken or a prize cow, if the shochet slips up, it can become **trafe.** But once a fish is kosher, it's always kosher. That's how I want my **aineck-lech**..." (Ituray Torah)

It doesn't pay to second-guess G—d. Too bad we can't be as sure of our actions as He is of His. What do I mean? When Jacob was dying, he dragged Joseph — "please do me a **chesed v'emes** — a real kindness — don't bury me in Egypt..." And the Rabbis added..."the only **chesed shel emes** — true kindness — you can ever do someone is bury him properly..."

It's wierd, though — aren't there any other, nicer favors you can do, like giving someone a couple of hockey tickets, or lending money to start a business — or even serving as shadchan... Ah, but it teaches — you can never be sure how things work out. What looks priceless today costs alimony tomorrow...someone helps his son make a fortune, but his grandchildren are spoiled and stray from Judaism... Who knows what "favors" are really good for us — except when the Almighty and His Torah are part of the deal... (Ohel Yaakov)

You need guts to do the biggest favor of all — tell someone when he's wrong. It takes love to stick your neck out. When Jacob blessed his children, he told Reuben — **"pachaz ka'mayim al tosar**...because you are as unstable as water, you will not excell..."

Reuben wondered...I thought this was **bracha** time, what's with all these criticisms? But Jacob said — "listen, the biggest blessing is when someone tells you your faults so you can improve them. That's worth more than inheriting a Miami condominium..."

The best teaching is not words but example. The shomer Shabbos shopkeepers who have come forward to achieve justice in the new Ontario Sunday closing law, show that if a Jew really wants to keep Shabbos, nothing can stop him. In their honor, every Jew should try to keep Shabbos completely at least one hour on Friday night or Saturday...

But whether a Jew is a shomer Shabbos or not, we are all brothers. How did the father of the Baal Shem Tov earn such a son? One Shabbos morning a Jew knocked on his door, carrying his pack and walking stick like it would be...Wednesday. The tzadik welcomed him, gave him to eat, and even shared his **shaleh shidus.** Not once did he embarrass him for desecrating the Shabbos.

After havdalah, the stranger said — "I am Elijah the Prophet. I was sent to see how great your love for a fellow Jew is. Because you did not shame me, you will have a son who will touch the hearts of all Israel."

When all Jews are one, the Messiah will come. Shabbat Shalom.

Sparks from the Torah TV schedule: *Metro Cable, Mondays at 9; Wednesdays at 6; York Cable, Tuesdays at 8; Willow Downs Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30; Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 8.*

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

Joseph Klinger, director of the Keren Hatarbut Institute of the Canadian Zionist Federation (left), watches as Ulpan students act out a Hebrew conversation. They are using the Habet Ushma audio-visual method, under the guidance of teacher Hedva Tal (second left). Over 275 adults are enrolled in Ulpan courses in Toronto.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Winter holiday entertainment includes a Beth Tikvah Drama Guild production of **The Golden Grotto,** which is billed as a comedy for children and "bright" adults. Showdates are Sunday, Dec. 21, Thursday the 25th, Friday the 26th (matinee only), and Sunday the 28th, at 1:30 and 7 p.m. at the synagogue. For tickets, call - 636-6734.

HOLIDAY CHEER

Last Thursday afternoon York Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women held a combined Chanukah-Christmas party for patients of Extendicare Nursing Centre on Steeles Avenue. A committee of 20, headed by Birdie Steele, collected (mostly from chapter members) and wrapped more than 125 gifts so that each patient could receive a present, along with the home-made refreshments and the sing-song. This is the third year in a row that York Chapter has entertained the patients at the centre.

TO DENMARK WITH LOVE

"This stone from the Holy Land is a gift to the Danish nation from Denmark's friends in Israel, 1975," is the inscription on a giant boulder from the Negev that was dedicated in Copenhagen's Israel square recently. The boulder is a tribute to the Danish people who rescued the entire Jewish community from the Nazis in 1943. Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollek participated in the ceremonies.

FIGHT JEWISH DISEASES

Apparently there are six genetic diseases that primarily, but not exclusively, afflict Jewish children. (Among the best known is Tay-Sachs). The National Foundation for Jewish Genetic Diseases was recently formed with the hope that research and genetic counselling will eventually lead to prevention and cure. The foundation is concerned with a wide range of projects — among them, educating the public, fund-raising, and community chapter formation. If you are interested in information and literature, the address is 608 Fifth Avenue, #702, New York, N.Y., 10020.

SINGLES DANCE

The Odd Singles dance (ages 25-39) is slated for this Sunday, the 21st, at 8:30 p.m. in the recreation room at 120 Shelbourne Ave.

MORE ABOUT DEADLINES

To add to the confusion of the holiday deadlines, the dates listed in last week's column for material for the Jan. 2 issue were in error. They should have read Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 23 and 24. As for items for the Jan. 9 paper, I will be at my desk Wednesday the 31st (to noon), and all day Friday, Jan. 2.

WOMEN'S LIB AND ISRAEL

Women's Lib has hit the Israeli banks. The management of Bank Tefahot (which specializes in mortgage loans) has instructed its branches to allow women to be co-signers in loan applications. Apparently the issue was raised when Knesset member Marcia Freedman discovered the bank approved only one woman signer out of the three necessary to approve a loan.

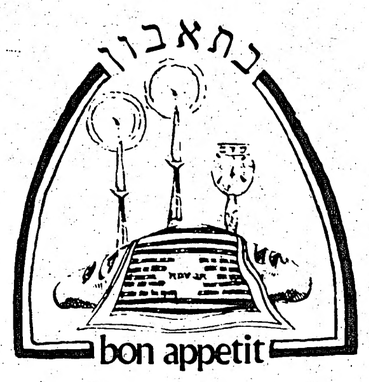
LZA CONVENTION

The 23rd national convention of the Labor Zionist Alliance is scheduled for Dec. 25-28 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York. The 30-member delegation from Toronto will be headed by David Zlot, chairman of the Toronto City Council, and Henry Cohen-Sittayoun, executive director. On the list of VIP's expected to address the assembly are Golda Meir, and Daniel Moynihan, U.S. ambassador to the UN.

CONGRATULATIONS GUV

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has commended California Governor Edmund Brown, Jr., for putting an end to a plan to send state engineers to work in Saudi Arabia. Because of the Saudis' refusal to admit any person "with Zionist beliefs" (also Blacks and women), the governor suspended all talks on a plan by state transportation department to send highway engineers, slated for layoffs in 1976, to build highways in that Arab country.

'Tea' in the north of England often serves as evening meal



By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

Recently I offered readers a recipe from a traditional afternoon English tea. However "tea" has another meaning altogether in the north of England i.e. anywhere from the Midlands up, and also in Scotland and Ireland.

This kind of tea is a meal in itself, often the evening meal, in fact. It is taken at 5:30 or 6 p.m. and features such well-known Anglo-Saxon dishes as sausages and mashed potatoes, fish-and-chips, poached eggs on toast, or steak-and-kidney pie.

There will usually be mounds of buttered bread eaten with honey or jam, and a hot pudding with custard, or some kind of tea-loaf, or scones.

Where this kind of tea is taken in the south of England, it is generally known as "high tea" to distinguish it from afternoon tea. The tea drunk in quantities at these hearty meals, is scalding hot and often brewed differently from in the south, mainly for reasons stemming from the depressed economic situation of the north in the '20s and Depression years. The tea leaves are often mashed with a fork and the whole brew stewed over heat, instead of standing to draw, in order to exude every possible drop of flavor.

I used to loathe this brew when I lived in the north of England. And I still shudder at the recollection of the cheerful call: "Tea's mashed, luv," from my landlady of those days.

Here are two tea-time favorites which the family, now living in Jerusalem, still enjoys at my mother's famous tea time spreads. The first recipe is for barnbrac a rich tea-l o a f, which keeps for weeks wrapped in tin-foil and which can be served, after its first freshness has gone, thickly buttered.

The Scottish-style scones are quick to make, but they should be used when very fresh as they do not keep for long.

Irish Barnbrac

1 cup strong tea
2 cups mixed, dried fruit: raisins, peel and chopped dates
1 cup brown sugar
2 cups self-raising flour
1 egg, beaten
1 small glass brandy
1 tsp. mixed spice
1/4 tsp. each cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger

1. combine brown sugar and fruit in a deep bowl and pour tea over. Allow to steep overnight

2. add egg, brandy, flour and spices and mix well. The mixture should be of a batter-like or dropping consistency. If it is too dry, add a few spoons of water. Bake 1 1/2–2 hrs. at 325° in a well-greased loaf tin, testing after 1 1/2 hrs. Turn out and allow to cool. Serve sliced as a cake, or in thin slices, buttered, as a tea-loaf

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Scottish Scones

1 cups self-raising flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/3 cup soft margarine
pinch salt
1 tsp. sugar
handful sultanas
sour milk or buttermilk

1. mix flour, baking powder and margarine together until the consistency of fine breadcrumbs, incorporating salt and sugar. Add enough buttermilk to achieve a very soggy dough, then add the sultanas, beating the whole mixture well with a fork

2. flour a board very thickly, and drop heaped tblsps. of the mixture into the flour coating well. The dough should be very loose, almost dropping consistency

3. grease a cookie sheet very well (or better still, line with silicone baking parchment) and form the scones into small, high, cylindrical shapes — they spread during baking. Bake at 425° for 12–15 mins. They should be a pale color when done, and of a lumpy, irregular consistency. To serve: leave till cold, then split and butter thickly. For extra-special occasions, fill with jam and a tsp. of whipped cream as well

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Shabbat Shalom!

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Refugee Jews seek redress from Arabs

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

For the first time in 28 years some positive steps have been taken to initiate proceedings that will eventually compensate the 2,000,000 Jews who were forced to leave their homes in Arab countries and seek refuge in Israel and the Diaspora.

The establishment of a secretariat that will act as spokesman for Jew-refugees and handle claims against Arab governments for property left behind was agreed upon by the delegates present at the first ever conference of the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC), held in Paris recently. The secretariat's location and chairmanship is as yet undecided but plans should be finalized within the next three months.

Among the roughly 100 delegates from 17 countries attending the two-day preparatory convention were Mayer Levy of Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region, and Anwar Shahin and Emile Fattal, two Iraqi Jews now living in Montreal.

According to Levy, there are close to 5,000 Jews expelled from their Arab homelands in the Middle East living in Canada. Emigrants from the Arab states of North Africa are not generally considered refugees.

In a five-clause resolution, the delegates demanded that Syria and Iraq grant the Jews remaining in those countries elementary civil and human rights, including freedom to emigrate, and for those who choose to remain an end to their "humiliation, harassment and persecution."

Secondly, that fair compensation be paid for communal and private property which was stolen, frozen or expropriated, as well as for injuries suffered by Jews as a result of discrimination by the responsible Arab governments.

All assets of spiritual, cultural or religious significance, including Torah scrolls, are asked to be restored to their Jewish owners. Also an "appropriate" share of the natural wealth of the Mideast countries is demanded for Jews from these lands.

...about people

Rabbi Joseph Ganzberg

Filling the newly-created position of educational director of Lubavitch Youth Organization is **Rabbi Joseph Ganzberg.** A native of Kfar Chabad in Israel, the 25-year-old rabbi has come to Toronto with his wife, Zelda, after completing his post smicha education at Machne Israel Kollel in New York. Rabbi Ganzberg will be placing special emphasis on neighboring small Jewish communities and he is already initiating Judaic study programs in Metro high schools and universities.

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It's back to the army for **Barney Danson.** The federal urban affairs minister was named honorary lieutenant-colonel of his old regiment, the Queen's Own Rifles, a post he will hold for three years. Mr. Danson served with the QOR during World War II.

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A memorial meeting for **Hye Kirshenbaum,** chairman of Toronto Labor Zionist Alliance, who died last month at the age of 60, is being held this Sunday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. at the LZA centre. Tributes will be paid by major local organizations and **Cantor Abraham Wantroff** of the Farband Congregation, will recite the El Maleh Rachamim.

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According to an announcement by **Mrs. Bernard Bloomfield,** Canadian Hadassah-WIZO president, **Mrs. Charles Gross** of Montreal has been named chairman of that organization's upcoming biennial convention slated to take place in that city from Jan. 11-14. The convention theme is **One People — One Destiny.** More than 800 delegates from British Columbia to Newfoundland are expected to attend.

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When the Synagogue for the Performing Arts in Los Angeles was looking for a fund-raising project they came up with the idea of publishing a **Celebrity Kosher Cookbook.** The book, co-authored by former Torontonian **Marilyn Hall** (wife of TV personality **Monty Hall** and a writer-producer in her own right) and the congregation's **Rabbi Jerome Cutler,** is a collection of recipes and anecdotes submitted by 133 stars, all of whom are either Jewish or married to Jews. Reports are that the 153-page volume is selling like hot cakes — kosher of course.

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Two Ontario universities have recently named Jews as chairmen of their board of governors. Toronto businessman **Bertrand Gerstein** has become chairman of the board of York University, and Ottawa lawyer **Hyman Soloway** heads up Carleton University's board.

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Sally Priesand, the first female to become ordained as a rabbi in North America, has just published her first book. **Judaism and the New Woman** will explore the role of women in the synagogue and community.

Y director to lead seminar

NEW YORK —

David Andrews, executive director of the YM&YWHA of Toronto will serve as chairman of a session on "The Changing Role of the Executive" at the Metropolitan City Centre executives seminar to be held at the Spa Hotel in Palm Springs, Calif., from Jan. 12-16, under the auspices of JWB, the Association of Jewish Community Centres and Camps in North America.

"Contemporary Issues and Our Changing Communities" will be the theme of the seminar. Bernard Olshansky, executive director of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, will be the featured guest speaker and resource person. The seminar will include sessions on "The Changed Nature of Executive Function", "Leadership Development", and "Centre Financing".

A dialogue with Herbert Millman, executive vice-president of JWB, will be a highlight of the seminar. Arthur Rotman, executive director of the Jewish Community Centre of Pittsburgh, Pa., is seminar chairman.

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Syrians portrayed as more extreme than Palestinian nationalist movement

By Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

The Syrian government is not willing to negotiate with Israel on the basis of step-by-step gradual diplomacy, according to a Montreal political scientist who specializes in Middle Eastern affairs.

Portraying the regime in Damascus as politically "more extreme than the Palestinian national movement," Janice Stein, an associate professor at McGill University, held out little hope that the United States would succeed in arranging a second-stage disengagement accord between Israel and Syria.

Delivering Adath Israel Congregation's final lecture in a series on "Israel and the Middle East," Prof. Stein suggested that gradual diplomacy was suitable for Egypt but not for Syria — Israel's most implacable enemy.

In her analysis, Prof. Stein remarked that while Premier Yitzhak Rabin and his cabinet perceived a softening of Cairo's previously hardline attitude toward Israel, their perception of Syria was that of an extreme nationalist nation unwilling to come to terms with a Jewish state in the region.

She reminded the audience that Egypt's war aims in the Yom Kippur conflict were limited in scope to the Sinai Peninsula, but that the Syrians hoped to extend the battle into Israel itself.

Although she did not dwell on the reasons for Syria's bitter hostility toward Israel, Prof. Stein said that even if the Ba'athist rulers in Damascus wanted to sign an equitable disengagement pact with Israel, they would not do so for fear of compromising their radical credentials.

Syria, Prof. Stein asserted, is therefore "on the horns of a dilemma," caught between the need to conform to political reality and the need to uphold the fiercely proud Arab nationalist banner.

Referring to the civil disturbances in Lebanon, Stein said that continued strife in that once tranquil land will work against Israeli interests in the long run because inter-Arab factionalism usually tends to undermine moderate Arab states.

She said that the big powers cannot influence the course of events in Lebanon except by warning neighboring countries such as Syria or Israel to stay clear of the conflict.

In the course of her 40-minute talk, she analysed the two main Israeli concepts of peace. The "prophetic" school, best exemplified by David Ben Gurion and Golda Meir, contends that peace is impossible without all but instant recognition by the Arabs and the immediate establishment of trade and diplomatic relations. The "realists," personified by Moshe Sharett and Abba Eban, view peace as a long, step-by-step process with many intermediary stages. Their aim, she said, is "to manage rather than solve" the Arab-Israeli dispute.

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LIP grant given community centre

By MYRA WOLPERT
Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON —

The Jewish Community Centre has received a $32,400 LIP grant primarily to provide recreational facilities for neighborhood children. Approximately 80% of the grant is intended for the youth program while the remainder provides for a cultural project.

Named "WITH" — Were Incredible Things Happen — the youth program was off to a flying start within a few days of announcement of the grant. With the centre located in an area where few supervised recreational facilities are available, the aim of the program is to get kids off the streets, J.C.C. executive director, Sam Brownstone, explained.

The cultural project aims to continue the Jewish community's quest for historical knowledge, particularly with regard to Yiddish culture, and to establish a sort of 'cultural reference bank.' Both projects were begun in 1973 under the auspices of a previous LIP grant but had to be discontinued when no more funds were forthcoming.

An energetic publicity campaign resulted in 65 neighborhood kids turning up the day after the official opening of the after-school recreation program and now, in its second week, some 100 youngsters between the ages of six and 10 come every day for activities ranging from arts and crafts to sports, games and gymnastics.

"The needs of the community are so great," says project manager Lyvia Feldman, who sees this as the start of a program which she hopes will eventually be expanded to include children from the nearby Children Aid Society as well as seniors living at St. Peter's Infirmary, also in the area.

Ms. Feldman, who has a degree in social work, is a Montrealer who has lived here for the past eight years and now regards Hamilton her home. Her staff of seven includes young people trained in community work and physical education as well as a secretary/bookkeeper and a carpenter to help with equipment.

Though officially part of the same program, cultural worker Sylvia Klein will be working on her own. Her concern is the past and, armed with a tape recorder, she will visit seniors to record memories of their early years here or in Europe and to reminisce with them about their lives in Hamilton.

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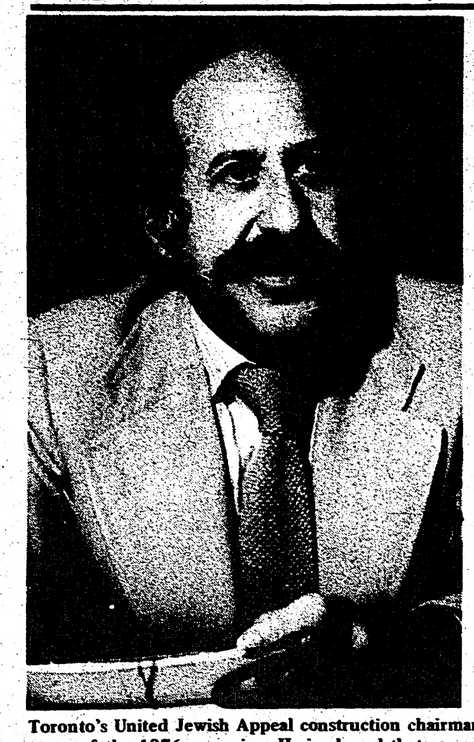

Toronto's United Jewish Appeal construction chairman, Harry Gorman (left), feels optimistic about the outcome of the 1976 campaign. He is pleased that so many newcomers are joining the ranks of canvassers this year. Jack Chisvin (right), is UJA's construction and heavy industry chairman. He has been involved in UJA work for 20 years. Chisvin, a native of Winnipeg, came to Toronto in 1955. (Graphic Artists photographs)

More thorough coverage sought

UJA division streamlined for efficiency

TORONTO —

If there's one word that would serve to describe the United Jewish Appeal construction and heavy industry 1976 campaign, then that word would have to be "streamlined."

The division, which accounts for one-third of the total campaign, has been restructured into five distinct areas — builders, suppliers, electrical and mechanical, real estate and professionals. And to ensure a more thorough canvass than in previous campaigns, seven co-chairmen were appointed this year to cover and follow up on the more than 1,200 cards in the division.

The chairmen responsible for the newly-defined sections are Alan Badner, Sidney Cohen, Larry Ginsberg, Harold Lederman, Sydney Loftus, Kurt Rothschild and Oscar Zaretsky. The three co-chairmen in heavy industry are David Drutz, Leon Kaminsky and Tom Lobel.

The streamlining came about under the planning and leadership of 1976 construction and heavy industry chairman Jack Chisvin, working with Harry Gorman and Jack Spears, construction and heavy industry chairmen respectively. All three are veteran UJA canvassers, who between them have given a total of 40 years to direct campaign involvement.

In a recent interview at his office, Chisvin explained: "To me UJA is the keystone to keeping the Jewish community together. The United Jewish Appeal covers the whole spectrum of Jewish life...it is the central agency for the maintenance of essential services in Israel and a catalyst for Jewish survival...and I want to survive as a Jew."

Chisvin's involvement with UJA dates back to 1955, shortly after his arrival in Toronto from Winnipeg. He is a partner in the construction engineering firm of Jack Chisvin & Associates, which was established in 1953, and the recipient of major awards from his peers in the engineering field as well as from civic leaders.

"I see some very encouraging things happening now," Chisvin remarked. "A lot of new people are coming in, who want to give and want to be involved, and we really haven't begun to hit the real core of the campaign as yet."

Harry Gorman, one of the original partners in Wycliffe, commercial, residential and industrial building firm, feels optimistic about the outcome of the 1976 campaign, particularly in the construction division.

"I was a little apprehensive at first. I felt that aiming for a 25% increase was unrealistic. But Wilfred Posluns is doing such a fantastic selling job, I just know it won't be as tough as I thought it would. We're asking the builders to average out the good and the bad years, and when they think about it, what we're asking for this year isn't out of line."

Like Jack Chisvin, Harry Gorman is pleased that so many newcomers are joining the ranks of canvassers this year. That in itself, he feels, is a healthy omen for the 1976 campaign.

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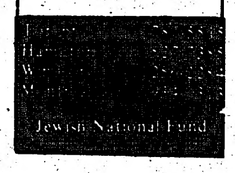

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Postal campaign urged to protest violation of international mail law

voice of youth

By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

On Oct. 1, 1975 I sent the following letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Rt. Hon. Pierre Elliott Trudeau (copies were sent to other officials including Allan MacEachen, secretary of state for External Affairs.)

"Dear Sir,

"Last December (1974), as part of a project supported by my school, I sent greeting cards to several of my fellow Jews in the Soviet Union.

"Ten of these cards were sent by registered air mail, with an 'acknowledgement of receipt' card attached to each, to 'Prisoners of Conscience' — Jews in Soviet prison-concentration camps, whose only 'crime' was and is their desire to emigrate to Israel. (Whatever happened to article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?)

"None of my cards arrived at their destinations, although all the addresses were accurate. Soviet authorities simply decided not to deliver my letters. You are probably aware that this is just one of the common Soviet tactics of harassment.

"In general, in Soviet labor camps, prisoners are restricted to only one outgoing letter a month; however, as there is no restriction on the number of incoming letters, I find the non-delivery of my letters in violation of the prisoners' rights, not to mention international postal regulations.

"I would appreciate any assistance you could offer in ascertaining the present situation of my correspondents in the USSR. It has recently been reported that due to conditions in the prison camps the health of many of the prisoners is rapidly deteriorating.

"The Soviet government seems adamant in its inhuman and barbaric ways of mocking justice and perverting the truth. Perhaps, through your good offices with governments around the world, you could do something to ensure that the unjust plight of the 'Prisoners of Conscience' does not get worse, and that families of Jews and other minorities in the Soviet Union are not forced to stay in the USSR against their wishes. In the interests of humanity and justice I appeal to you to assist them in gaining permission to leave the USSR.

"Thank you for your co-operation. This, in many cases, is literally 'a life-and-death matter,' be it spiritually or physically.

"Please acknowledge.

"Respectfully yours, (signed) Jeffrey Lipsitz."

To date I have received several replies (the recent postal disruption has likely delayed other replies).

From the office of the prime minister came the following correspondence, signed by the PM's correspondent assistant:

"Thank you very much for your Oct. 1 letter to the prime minister on the subject of Soviet 'Prisoners of Conscience.' Your concern is appreciated and you may rest assured that it will be brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities."

Ed Broadbent, leader of the New Democratic Party, replied as follows:

"...I have...received a reply from the secretary of state for external affairs, concerning the inquiries I made about the non-delivery of (your) greeting cards to Jewish people in the Soviet Union. A copy of the minister's reply is enclosed.

Broadbent's photostatic copy of the minister's reply to him (I, personally, have not yet received a reply from the minister) reads:

"Thank you for your letter of Oct. 6, 1975, concerning the non-delivery of Mr. Jeffrey Lipsitz's greeting cards to his fellow Jews in the Soviet Union.

"Other Canadians have expressed similar concern over alleged violations of the International Postal Convention by the USSR. This matter is of concern to the Canadian government. Since early 1974 Canadian postal authorities have repeatedly requested the Soviet authorities to investigate this situation. These requests have been transmitted both through official diplomatic channels and through letters from the Canadian postal administration.

"Unfortunately, I must report as I have to other correspondents that there has been little response from the Soviet authorities. Please be assured that the Canadian government will continue to press its concern on this matter on appropriate occasions."

Earlier this year, I wrote to Postmaster-General Bryce Mackasey; I wrote to the prime minister and others only because I felt that Mackasey's response was inadequate and unsatisfactory.

I hope to be able to present to you other replies from government officials; interpret for yourself the sincerity of their efforts to help Soviet Jews.

In the meantime, write to Soviet Jews, write to Soviet and Canadian officials here and in the USSR. You are responsible for each of your fellow Jews.

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Soviet restraints on artistic freedom force musical Milkis family into exile

By Toba Korenblum
Staff Reporter

TORONTO —
The forced exile of Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn and the glamorous—defection of dancer Micael Baryshnikov drew world attention to the restraints on artistic freedom in the Soviet Union. The plight of Valerie and Galina Panov illustrated the additional burden on the Jewish artist whose professional aspirations are muzzled because of religious convictions.

Among Toronto's growing Russian community are a group of Jewish musicians who similarly found their professional desires hampered. The Toronto Symphony Orchestra now has six recent immigrants among its string players — and one is Jascha Milkis, who joined the orchestra in August as associate concertmaster.

When he left Russia over a year ago, he abandoned a career as a leading orchestral performer: concertmaster - soloist with the Odessa Symphony at 23, violinist with the Leningrad Opera Orchestra and a leading string player for 18 years with the prestigious Leningrad Academic Symphony.

Accompanying Jascha were his equally talented wife Marianna, a concert pianist and instructor at Leningrad's music college, and his 20-year-old daughter Mara, an aspiring violinist who made her concert debut in Toronto at the recent "Chanukah Festival for Israel."

The three, sitting in their modestly furnished apartment, recounted in soft tones and surprisingly efficient English, the stresses on their musical and private lives in Russia and the difficulties of adapting to a new culture.

A moment earlier they shyly assumed poses for a photographer, playfully joining together on valued instruments — the centuries-old Italian violins fortunately allowed through Soviet customs and a German baby grand piano which arrived in Toronto after a five-month journey via Trieste and Rome.

Mara, long, jet-black hair tied in a flowing ponytail, clearly depicted the family's anguish on leaving friends, musical community, personal articles, books, letters; a life behind them, yet the relief of a new, more relaxed environment.

"I like it here," she said simply, "very comfortable, very free." "Yes, it is freedom that is important," her mother interjects. Mara continues: "In Russia I always felt something heavy and dark." From daughter to parents the intensely black Milkis eyes flash in silent confirmation.

It was for Mara and their 18-year-old son Julian that the family decided to emigrate. "There is no future there," said Milkis with remorse.

All three musicians, in detail, specified the restraints on the practice of their art: the prohibitions on travel abroad with other musicians; the quotas for Jewish performers on concert programs; the difficulty in booking music halls for solo concerts and the pain of most Jewish musicians forced to abandon cherished and valuable musical instruments on emigration.

The restrictions affected all of them. After 1971, without explanation, travel opportunities for Milkis were curfailed when the Leningrad Symphony toured Canada or the United States. Mara depicted the frustration when deterred from performing at a chamber music competition in Czechoslovakia.

"The system made people nervous," said Milkis, describing the tense atmosphere pervading the Leningrad Symphony. All musicians feel the pinch of government interference — avant-garde or Western compositions are forbidden, censorship is imposed on Soviet composers who must comply to the party's aesthetic, chauvinistic tastes.

Affiliations with Jewish cultural activities draw serious repercussions — expulsion from music academies, science institutes and universities. Fearing reprisals, the family avoided attending holiday celebrations at Leningrad's only synagogue, where uniformed and plainclothes KGB officials photograph all participants.

On the advice of personal friends, Milkis, dejected by attempts to stifle his artistic life, decided in August, 1974 to emigrate. Surprisingly, permission was granted quickly and they left 2½ months later, living in Rome for four months before arriving here.

With relatives in Toronto, Canada was a natural choice. Israel has limited opportunities for musicians, Mrs. Milkis explained. She affirmed reports that the Soviets exert a mass propaganda program aimed at denigrating Israel and Refuseniks and that telephone conversations and apartments of known activists and those planning to emigrate are constantly monitored.

Mara now studies privately and performs in chamber groups and with the symphony at the University of Toronto while perfecting her English. For her mother professional opportunities have been limited. "It is very hard — new people, new system, habits..." she said.

Although she has accompanied her husband on a CBC radio recital, her passion for teaching and performing has not been fulfilled. "I'm ready to play," she remarked in a half-pleading, yet confident manner, while adding, "it takes time for people to know us."

And while pleased with life in Toronto, she admits somewhat unhappily: "In Russia we had one problem. Here we have another kind of problem."

The Milkis' are a musical family. Jascha is an associate concertmaster with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. Marianna is a concert pianist, while 20-year-old Mara is an aspiring violinist. They emigrated from Russia just last year. (Jacob El-Baz photograph)

Dinitz, Herzog and El Al to receive service awards

NEW YORK —
The 1975 Stephen Wise Awards for distinguished service to Israel will be presented to Israel's Ambassador to the US, Simcha Dinitz; Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Chaim Herzog and El Al Israel Airlines, it was announced this week by Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress.

The awards will be presented at the annual Stephen Wise dinner Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. Edgar M. Bronfman, chairman of the North American branch of the World Jewish Congress General Council, is the dinner chairman.

Lillian and Martin Steinberg of Brooklyn, longtime leaders of the Congress, will receive the Stephen Wise Award in tribute to their "extraordinary contributions to the work of the American Jewish Congress."

Theodore Bikel, co-chairman of the AJ Congress National Governing Council, will present the award to Dinitz "for outstanding achievement in cementing the bonds of friendship and understanding between the American people and the people of Israel."

Chaim Herzog will be presented with his award for "courageous and eloquent leadership in defense of the Jewish people and the Jewish state in a crucial moment in Jewish history." Judge Justine Wise Polier, vice-president of the Congress and the daughter of Stephen Wise, will make the presentation.

Mordechai Ben Ari, president of El Al Israel Airlines, will accept the award for El Al for "distinguished service as an indispensable national institution in enhancing the economy and security of the state of Israel."

Past recipients of the Stephen Wise Award, inaugurated in 1949 in honor of the founder of the American Jewish Congress, include Abba Eban, Leonard Bernstein, Samuel Bronfman, Arthur Goldberg, Herbert H. Lehman and Golda Meir.

Kagan's gamble paying off

By Wanda L. Wintrobe

TORONTO —
For centuries, artists have always been willing to starve for the privilege their creativity. Michael Kagan fits into this pattern well. Three years ago he put down his paint brush, deprived himself of a livelihood and began to develop a new material for sculpting — glazed, chip-resistant vitrafied clay. The gamble has paid off.

Now, with pride, Kagan is forging his invention into what he calls "four-sided paintings" of ceramic-based coffee-tables, cocktail-tables, vases, umbrella stands and large tubs for tropical trees — all matching in pattern and color. Within the year, he will start creating dining-room settings.

To keep a monopoly over his sculptured home furnishings, which are the first to defy the glass and chrome concept, Kagan has opened his own store — Picapotimus at 1909 Avenue Rd.

"Part of me is in the shop," Kagan said. He personally designed, hammered and sawed it into existence in terms of an overall painting.

Throughout the store hang "blatantly original" giant acryclic planters, 12 to 18 inches in diameter. He fashions them in his studio "on lonely nights"; and his wife, Gail, decorates them with sand paintings.

Kagan has topped many of his containers with special low-beamed growth lamps which can add touches of romance to dimly lit rooms. "These designs have never been seen before," he confided.

Picapotimus also carries dried flower arrangements which are created on the premises by Kagan's sister-in-law, Marilyn Levenstein. And to complete this family circle of artists' endeavors — the store walls feature paintings by Vera Fischer, another sister-in-law. Her work in watercolor and tissue collage is popular with many Toronto art buyers.

The Toronto-born painter exhibited professionally for six years. At the time of my visit to the store, the last of his highly textured acrylic creations entitled **Wrestling**, completed in 1973, was on view. This format of painting was the start of his evolution to sculpture.

"I needed texture and dimension in my life," Kagan explained. "Only with my hands could I produce the cubism I craved." He paused. "I'm a very simple man and I looked for a simple way to do things."

Kagan works abstract design into his vitrafied clay; fires it under extremely high heat; adds color by means of brush and airbrush; and then applies a final protective glaze which he bakes on to insure permanence.

"My only teacher was my older brother, Hillel Borruch Kagan, a fine, accomplished artist who has displayed in many countries," he says. Another family member, Samuel Kagan, is a well-known Canadian sculptor.

Kagan credits his wife, Gail, as being a "great inspiration" towards his present work. He has translated several of her designs into his sculptured paintings on the vases and tree tubs.

After 13 years of marriage and two children, the Kagan union is closer than ever. "We respect each other's art."

Convention in Israel: A milestone for Canadians

CZF Convention Chairman Louis D. Silver reports that preparations for the Fourth National Convention of the Canadian Zionist Federation are in high gear. The response to early releases was overwhelming and registration is in full swing. The slogan "Israel is Zionism — Zionism is Israel" underscores our priorities.

Zionists as well as unaffiliated members of the Jewish community are taking advantage of the exceptional convention trip package offered ($670 from Montreal) which includes return flight by El Al Jet, de luxe accomodation at Hilton Hotels in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israeli breakfasts and several additional meals, as well as all convention program features: meetings with prominent Israelis, touring, workshop excursions for special interest groups, and much more. Arrangements for extended stays in Israel are possible upon request.

Planned for convention delegates and observers are gatherings addressed by the President, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Defense, the Leader of the Opposition, cabinet members, the Mayor of Jerusalem and other luminaries.

Israeli experts will give background talks during "workshops on wheels", focusing on topics such as Economy and Industry; Defence; Aliyah and Absorption; Education; Politics; Medical, Health and Research Institutions; Developing Urban Communities, and Minorities. The entire program combines touring with an in-depth study of the contemporary Israeli scene. Sightseeing excursions will cover many points of historical and archeological interest, off the beaten track and not accessible to regular tourists.

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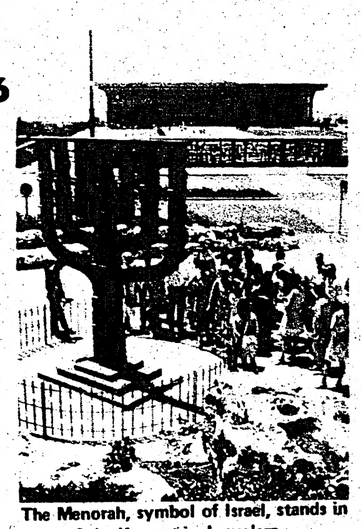

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39046 is the number for the United Israel Appeal of Canada, Inc., the office in Jerusalem through which Canadian gift dollars are funnelled to a variety of human needs projects. But UIA has added a new dimension of service which has changed the lives of hundreds of families.

The new service has helped Canadian olim to buy apartments, build small businesses or continue their studies. And it didn't cost UIA of Canada a penny.

Many Western immigrants find themselves compelled to leave Israel because of the high cost of housing. UIA of Canada gives immigrants from this country what is, in effect, second mortgages at the startlingly-low rate of 9% — all costs included. The Jewish Agency will loan newcomers up to 100,000 pounds, at 9%, but an apartment in Jerusalem costs double that and more. The UIA program provides up to 60,000 pounds more, again at 9% — a fraction of second mortgage rates in Israel.

The special UIA program also helps the small Canadian businessmen to settle in Israel. Carpenters who need tools...dentists who require equipment...technicians who need machinery can dial 39046 for up to 30,000 pounds, at 9% interest.

The program also incorporates small loans to help meet special needs — the costs of a newly-arrived child, a large dental bill (Israeli medicare does not cover dentistry), furniture or appliances, etc. These loans, ranging up to 7,500 pounds, are made without interest at all. There is a nominal 3% administration charge.

Many Canadian students in Israel find it difficult to make ends meet. In fact, late in the academic year, when funds are running low, a surprising portion of students miss classes due to illnesses traced to the eating of "junk food." UIA of Canada makes outright grants to Canadian students of up to 2,250 pounds, based on need.

In a report covering the first 32 months of the program, Leo H. Marcus, national executive director of the UIA of Canada and Sol D. Granek, director-general of the UIA of Canada in Israel, noted that 509 families in Israel had been helped and, of these, only 11 families had left. With the percentage of most Western families leaving Israel ranging up to 40% and more, the Canadian program results are remarkable. But perhaps the most remarkable fact of all is that the scheme, which to date has disbursed six million Israeli pounds has not cost Canadian Jewry one penny.

UIA of Canada has paid the costs through interest on money being transferred from Canada for social welfare programs in Israel. Gift dollars from Canadian Jewry pass through the Montreal head office of United Israel Appeal and are immediately sent on to Jerusalem. Sometimes several days elapse before documentation is completed which allows for the expenditure of this money in Israel. UIA of Canada pumps the interest earned in those few days into its Special Program.

In the final analysis, United Israel Appeal has been able to make 291 mortgage loans, 160 special small loans and 58 business loans and still have enough cash left over to provide cash grants to scores of needy students. Meanwhile, the gift dollars from Canada — untouched — go to the multitude of human needs projects for which they were earmarked in the beginning.

United Jewish Appeal campaign chairman, Wilfred Posluns (centre) and his wife talk with Gen. (res.) Aharon Doron, vice-president of Tel Aviv University, during recent Canada UJA "Presidents' Mission" lunch at the university. (Silver)

Holocaust raises more questions than answers

By AVRAHAM WEISS

MONTREAL —

It seems inevitable that in discussing the Holocaust one arrives at more questions than answers. Such was the case at the three-day symposium on the Holocaust held at McGill University. Organized by the Hillel Students Society and Hadassah-WIZO, the sessions consisted of lectures, films, and discussion groups.

Keynote addresses were delivered by Raul Hilberg, author of **The Destruction of the European Jews,** Dr. Isaiah Trunk of the YIVO Institute, John Pehle, chairman of the U.S. War Refugee Board in 1944-45, and Dr. Irving Greenberg, chairman of the Jewish Studies Department of New York's City College.

Quoting from German documents and reports on the implementation of the "final solution," Prof. Hilberg stressed that the machinery of destruction was made possible by the co-ordinated efforts of all segments of society.

Pehle admitted that until the creation of the War Refugee Board in 1944, the United States had done nothing to aid the Jewish victims of Nazi oppression. The Board made public detailed eyewitness accounts of the death camps, and applied diplomatic pressure in specific cases to help Jewish refugees escape the onslaught of the German conquerors. At the same time however, it could not open the gates of America to Jewish immigration because "domestic public opinion was against such a move."

Pehle said that a united effort by American Jewry might have helped produce a greater response to the situation; but the early reports of what was happening were not believed by most people, and a reaction was not felt to be warranted.

Asked about the board's successes in aiding European Jewry Pehle said: "The contribution of the War Refugee Board should not be overstated."

Prof. Greenberg's lecture focussed on the religious and ethical implications of the Holocaust. He outlined the difficulties of discussing this experience.

"Just as a Jew had to relive the Exodus and eat the bitter herb, and eat the matzah, and he had to tell the story so that at the end he could say I came out of Egypt, so I would say each one has to taste the potato peels of Bergen Belsen and the rotten bread of Auschwitz, and only then can one feel if I had been there, what are the implications?"

Greenberg spoke of the perversion of religious belief as exemplified by Himmler's remark to the SS that they should believe in God. He also criticized the Church for its complacency.

"One talks about the silence of the Pope, what is more devastating is when he wasn't silent. The Church repeatedly spoke out for Jewish converts. When I speak out and say a Jewish convert should be saved I am saying that if a Jew believes in Christ his child shouldn't be thrown alive into a crematorium, that men, women, and children shouldn't be shot down and buried in mass graves. But if they don't believe in Christ it's O.K."

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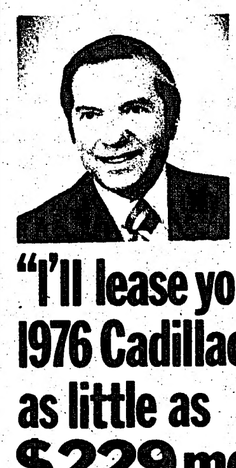

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Group of 35 presents human rights petition to Trudeau, cabinet members and Diefenbaker

OTTAWA —

Representatives of the Montreal and Toronto Group of 35 met with Prime Minister Trudeau and several members of his cabinet last week, alerting them to Russian abrogations of international covenants on human rights.

The women, presenting a petition to the federal government entitled "Haven't All Human Beings the Right to Freedom?", met with the parliamentary secretaries of the ministers of health and external affairs, and with Hugh Faulkner, secretary of state, on International Human Rights Day.

The following day, they talked with John Diefenbaker, who wrote a letter of endorsement on behalf of the petition. Col. Naum Alshansky, recently released Refusenik from the Soviet Union, was introduced to Diefenbaker, who expressed his pride on meeting a genuine Soviet hero. Col. Alshansky was stripped of his military rank and pension when he applied to emigrate to Israel.

The prime minister met with four members of the delegation. After being informed the situation for Soviet Jews had deteriorated since the signing of the Helsinki agreements, he stated that not enough time had elapsed since Helsinki and that the agreements needed a six-month trial period in operation.

Following this period, if statistical documentation were presented demonstrating Soviet bad faith with regard to the Helsinki accords, the prime minister would be prepared to bring the matter to the attention of the government of the USSR.

Charles "Bud" Drury, minister of state for science and technology, met with the women and expressed his interest in receiving information on Soviet Jewry.

John Roberts, MP (Lib. St. Pauls) hosted a press conference with his parliamentary colleague, Herb Gray (Lib. Windsor West), at which Roberts announced that the petition had been circulated to members of parliament and he anticipated a very full all-party response to it.

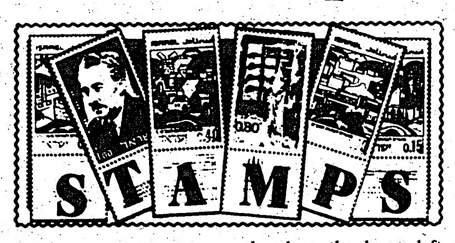
A demonstration took place in front of the Soviet Embassy, during which time the women, dressed in black, paraded silently with large pictures of the Jewish Prisoners of Conscience. Each attempt to deliver the human rights petition inside the Soviet Embassy was thwarted.

The Canadian Women's Petition for Human Rights, under the joint sponsorship of nine national Jewish women's organizations, is now being circulated for signing across Canada. It is hoped when the signing of the petition is completed by Jan. 10, 1976, it will contoin the signatures of 1,000,000 concerned Canadians from every walk of life. The completed petition will then be personally presented to representatives of the government of the USSR.

In Toronto, meanwhile, a similar petition was introduced at a public signing ceremony at Toronto city hall. The ceremony at city hall was attended by Mayor David Crombie, Aldermen John Bosley, Art Eggleton, Anne Johnston, William Kilbourne, and David Smith, school trustee Charlotte Maher and others.

Mayor David Crombie of Toronto, in a city hall ceremony, signs a petition on behalf of human rights in the Soviet Union. Group of 35 is behind nation-wide campaign to alert government of situation in Russia.

Israeli stamp honors Truman



By CHAIM YEHUDA

On March 4, 1975, the Israeli Post Office issued a commemorative stamp in memory of Harry S. Truman, the 33rd president of the United States. The dark brown stamp was printed by steel engraving in sheets of 15 stamps with 5 tabs attached to the bottom row.

It is important to realize that Israel has only honored two other non-Jews with commemorative stamps — Eleanor Roosevelt and Lord Balfour.

Truman wrote that "America is dedicated to the conviction that all people are entitled by the gift of God to equal rights and freedoms..." and this statement has been placed on the lower left side of the official first day cover which has the special postmark of the Harry S. Truman Research Institute, Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem.

The Truman administration is remembered for many things including its conclusion of World War II and its post-war reconstruction period. The Marshall Plan was introduced to bring Europe out of the devastation of the war and the Truman Doctrine was undertaken to halt Communist expansion. Nato was formed during this period and one cannot forget the Korean War. In the United States, important progress was made in social legislation which became known as the Fair Deal.

Harry S. Truman stamp

To the Jewish people, Truman was always a true friend. As senator from Missouri, he publically stated that he supported the Jewish homeland.

In 1945 as president, he tried to pursuade the British to admit 100,000 survivors of the Holocaust into Palestine. He was successful in requesting that Congress allow 200,000 additional refugees into the United States above their normal quota and attempted to improve the plight of those remaining in refugee camps.

As many of us recall, Truman supported the partition of Palestine and his government was the first to grant recognition to the state of Israel within minutes of its declaration, even though some of his decisions relating to the Middle East may have been in conflict with his own state department. Further, Truman provided important economic assistance to Israel during the remainder of his presidency.

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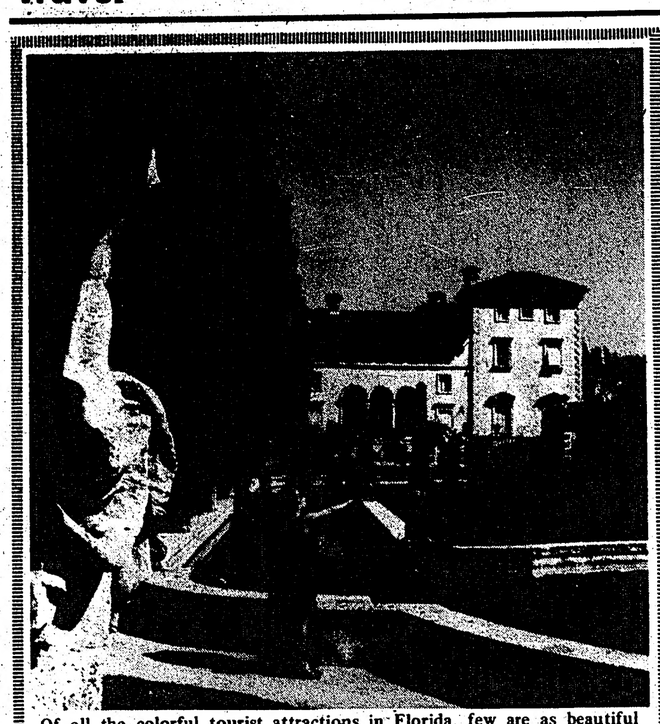

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'Travel no longer reduces unfamiliarity between peoples because tourists now move in an insulated environment'

By LARRY FROMMER
WASHINGTON —

We are told by poets, politicians and travel practitioners that travel shrivels the distances between countries and reduces the unfamiliarity between peoples. In reality, travel as it is planned, packaged and performed today falls woefully short of accomplishing either.

Once, when we were travellers and not tourists and travel was more primitive and there were few plush hotels with modern conveniences and obliging bell captains and most who travelled ventured alone and with some peril, we indeed learned to know the people of the countries we visited if for no other reason than we depended upon them totally for shelter, sustenance and conversation.

But today, when travel is cozy, convenient and self-indulgent, most of us are not travelers but tourists. We make a stab, a pretense out of exposing ourselves to the more significant aspects of travel, but in reality today's tourist is so insulated from that which is meaningful that it is almost impossible for him to have any real communication with the people of the destinations he visits. To be sure he meets the bell boy, the waiter, the concierge, the taxi driver, the motorcoach operator and the shop proprietor, but are these the REAL people or those who have been carefully screened to preserve a brochure image?

If it is difficult for tourists to scratch the subsurface of travel, it is also apparent that the peoples of many tourist destinations want little to do with tourists except to take their money and perform the services required of them. Prof. V.S. Pritchett, writing in **The New York Times,** puts it very bluntly: "The natives laugh at us. They are delighted with the millions of dollars or marks or whatever it is that we bring into their countries but privately they dislike our voices and our manners and the way we swamp their favorite bars, hotels, restaurants, hair dresser shops, movies, historic places and beaches as if we own them."

I suspect that the people of popular tourist destinations often put on an act for us. They perform like puppets trained to know what will please us. Rather than being their authentic selves they do what they think we would like them to do. As he puts it: "Sometimes I'm inclined to believe that no matter how comprehensive his itinerary the tourist scarcely sees the country he visits. He sees a fake which has been carefully set up for him. The Irish turn into stage Irishmen and the English into stage Englishmen. But the tourist enjoys this enormously because his real pleasure comes from his illusions and his fellow tourists and not from the country as it is."

When you really get down to it, is the tourist to be blamed entirely for the emptiness of his travels? After all, he spends but a few superficial days in each destination and then goes on to the next. He is a voyeur rather than a participant, like a pebble thrown into the water which becomes wet on the surface but never becomes a part of the water. As travel writer Milton Rugoff suggests, "Wherever he goes he is an outsider passing through, one who will not stay. He moves among the players without becoming one of them. He mingles without committing himself."

As Jews we are uniquely fortunate to be able occasionally to divorce ourselves from this shallow tourist syndrome. When we visit Israel, for instance, most of us are no longer tourists but travelers. There is an almost instant identification, an immediate sense of involvement with its people and coalescence with its history and heritage. We are at home here, able to communicate without strangeness, superficiality or affectation.

We do not visit Israel for many of those attractions which lure us to other countries such as shopping bargains, dazzling hotels, exotic cuisine, elegant service, top notch golf courses or prolific night life but rather for something we are unlikely to experience in another country... a sense of renewed identity, a long look into the mirror of ourselves. In Israel, we quickly become travelers in the most literal and all encompassing sense of the word.

Today, Jewish travelers will find it easy to make contact with Jewish communities wherever they travel. While researching the schedule of High Holy Day services abroad for a recent edition of **The Canadian Jewish News,** I was impressed by the obviously sincere desire of many overseas rabbis to welcome American Jewish visitors both to their services and into the homes of their congregants.

That unbreakable umbilical cord which seems to link Jews everywhere, despite the infinity of distance and the diversity of language is a powerful catalyst in our becoming travelers rather than tourists.

Despite the prevailing tourist mentality of the day, which is largely motivated by price, luxury and paralleling the Goldbergs, there are many who, as British author Patrick Rivers indicates, would like contact with the "real world" away from the pool and the gift boutique.

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Thousands are drawn to Tiberias hot baths

TIBERIAS, Israel —

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Even in the depths of winter, temperatures seldom drop below 20 degrees and the lake is warm enough to permit daily bathing and water skiing. From February through May the countryside is a riot of color, fields overflowing with wild flowers of every rainbow hue, trees bursting with blossom, skies high and blue, the fluffy white clouds, the purple and golds of sunrise and sunset mirrored on the waters.

The Tiberias hot baths, whose medicinal properties have been known since time immemorial, are open the year round, and thousands find relief there each year from all manner of muscular ailments. Tiberias, as befits a centre of antiquity, has a whole treasure web of legends woven around it. The rabbis who made this Galilean centre their own after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 79 C.E. gave the town's name a Jewish significants in their own fashion, by deriving it.

Another legend relates to the hot springs. It is reported that a group of ailing men came and asked King Solomon's help in healing their ills. The wise king commanded a group of young demons to descend to the bowels of the earth and breathe their fiery breath into the lakeside springs. Fearing that, upon his death they should hear of it, and that they would betray their trust, he took the precaution of making them deaf. And since no one has ever been able to inform them of the king's demise, they are still heating the waters and so it will remain to the end of time.

But legends aside, the town has plenty of factual historical interest to draw the curious tourist. —

With the fall of Jerusalem in the last third of the first century C.E., Tiberias became the seat of Jewish Rabbinical learning. It was here that the vocalizing vowel system for the Hebrew language was devised in the eighth century. The cliffsides around the town are dotted with caves where the Jews, fighting against the Romans in the middle of the second century, hid from their enemies.

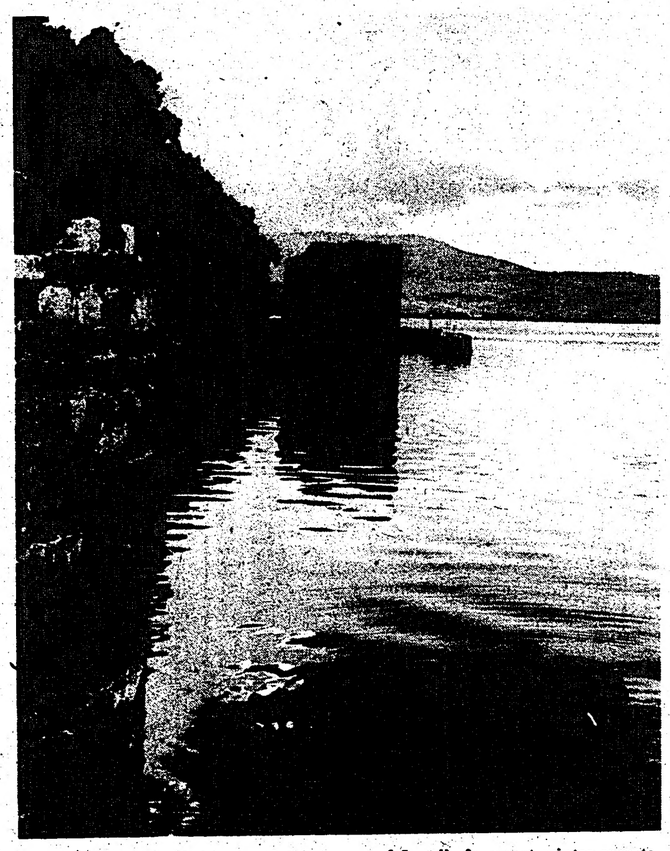
Perhaps the most frequently visited memorially devoted to Rabbi Moses Ben Maimon. This famed rabbi was not only the outstanding Jewish scholar of the 20th century, but also an acknowledged medical authority who became court physician to Saladin and whom, rumor had it, Richard the Lion Hearted tried unsuccessfully to recruit to his own service.

Under Moslem occupation the town declined in importance and not until the arrival of the Crusaders did it reassume its former importance. But even this glorious period was short lived and the town was ruthlessly ransacked in the Middle of the 13th century.

Volcanoes and earthquakes have tortured the surrounding landscape into a thousand various forms and deposited large tracts of black basalt rock — the characteristically pleasing sober stone of Tiberias buildings.

The geological origin of the lake may also account for the warm springs that gush up close by. Today's bath houses — "Hammei Tiveria" — provide all the conveniences of modern life with fine, clean conditions and full medical facilities. Nearby, marked by an information plaque, traces of the early Roman baths are still to be seen, the steam rising from the open channels at the roadside. On this spot, in biblical times, there existed a town called "Hammat" (derived from the Hebrew for "warm") located in the territory of the tribe of Naphtali.

Recent excavations near the hot springs have brought many interesting remains to light, most notable of which is the fourth century C.E. synagogue with the best preserved mosaics of any ancient synagogue in the country. There are also remains of the southern gate and baths of the Israelite city.



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Saxony's refurbishing as kosher hotel finished

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The Saxony Hotel and Tennis Club — which became a year-round kosher resort last season — has refurbished its entertainment area and added a new glass-enclosed lounge area overlooking the Miami Beach skyline.

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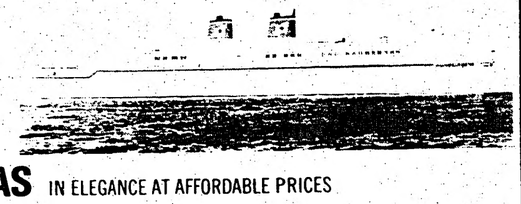

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CIC releases official statement

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But, not everyone agrees. CIC Vice-Chairman Rabbi Gunther Plaut, at the Toronto Negev Dinner in his honor recently emphasized his opposition to the PLO presence at Habitat and indirectly attacked the Bick approach to the conference when he said: "I will continue to impress upon our government the folly of a policy which denies the PLO access to the country as an organization but makes the dubious distinction that members of the PLO and even its leaders may come here as long as they themselves have not thrown a bomb."

In recent speeches, others have rallied in support of Plaut's sentiments. At a B'nai B'rith meeting in Montreal last month, Windsor MP Herb Gray similarly held that while the Habitat conference should be staged, the PLO, as professed terrorists, should be ineligible for entry into Canada "according to the government's own policy."

Paralleling Gray's claim, Prof. Irwin Cotler, chairman of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, argued in a recent CJN interview: "PLO participation has to be seen as an affront to the objectives of the conference. You don't invite those dedicated to the liquidation of human settlements to participate in discussions on how to secure and improve human settlement."

Adding emotional fuel to objective attempts to favor a different approach to Habitat were the General Assembly resolutions denigrating Zionism, and, in effect, adding moral credence to PLO terrorism.

While deploring the UN resolutions, Urban Affairs Minister Barney Danson, in several statements in Ottawa and Vancouver, rejected requests to bar PLO observers from the conference. Both he and External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen reiterated the government policy that 'non-terrorist' PLO members may enter Canada for the UN meeting.

Vancouver politicians typified the frustration at attempting to come to grips with the Habitat conundrum. Torn between the federal government's point of view and the feelings of its 12,000-member Jewish community, Vancouver City Council made an abrupt about-face and reversed its initial stand requesting the government to cancel the conference because of feared turmoil over the PLO's presence.

Transfer of offices

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Canada." He warned that transfer of offices could "do great damage" to the Jewish community in Montreal, the city with the largest number of Jews in the country.

Phil Granovsky, national President of the United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc., advocated that Jewish organizations should consider transfering their operations to Toronto. "This is where the action is," he remarked.

He said it might be advisable for the leaders of Jewish organizations to evaluate the concept of basing themselves in Toronto rather than Montreal, and added that he intended to convene a meeting of UIA officers to discuss the issue.

Granovsky, acknowledging that moving a national office from one city to another was a formidable task, recommended that it be carried out over a period of time.

He said that since a greater number of Jews live west of Ontario than east of Montreal, it was plainly logical that Jewish leaders in the West might prefer to see the centralization of national offices in Toronto.

Sydney Harris of Toronto, national president of Congress, said he saw "no need" for such a wholesale shakeup. "But if that came up as a serious matter," he observed, "I would say to move to Ottawa."

From a practical point of view, he continued, it would be extremely complicated — and costly — to shift Jewish organizations, employees and their families around like pawns in a chess tournament. "I don't recommend a change," he emphasized.

Aaron Pollack of Montreal, chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee, said that while he recognizes the Toronto community is "vibrant, dynamic and energetic, we can't play the game of geography when we think of Jewish survival."

Elaborating, Pollack said that anyone who calls for such a course of action "should remember that this country is made up of French and English Canadians... There are six million French Canadians and they have to be dealt with." Facetiously, he said that "important things happen east of Toronto, too."

The executive director of CIC, Myer Bick of Montreal, said the concept of transfering the focal point of power from Montreal to Toronto appeared to be grounded in anti-Quebec sentiment, and played right into the hands of separatists.

Like Sydney Harris, Bick said if the issue ever came to a head, he would advise the CIC to go to Ottawa instead of Toronto.

Phil Givens, national president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, called the proposal "desirable but premature."

Echoing Alan Rose, Givens said a Montreal-to-Toronto move might very well have "harmful effects" on the Montreal Jewish community if French Canadians felt Jews were fleeing from the province. "It might create a panic situation," he stated.

He said the practical implications would be overwhelming because a shift would involve the uprooting of a considerable number of families and would necessitate the search for office space in a city lacking in that commodity.

George Cohon, national campaign chairman of State of Israel Bonds, said he did not necessarily believe there should be a relocation of offices just because Toronto happened to be the top fundraiser in Canada. Without delving into details, he warned that a Montreal-to-Toronto move might be detrimental to the long-range interests of the Montreal community.

David Satok, a national vice-president of Congress, told **The Canadian Jewish News** that shifting offices was a "simplistic approach. You wouldn't want all the national organizations in one city; it wouldn't be wise," he said.

He added: "As a Torontonian, I can be parochial. But you can't make such a sweeping proposal without looking into the matter very carefully."

Schools negotiate 'Code'

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vidual schools to reach a settlement on the "Code of Practice" detailing such items as hours, fringe benefits and grievance procedures.

BJE Executive Director Rabbi Irwin Witty confirmed the meeting would take place, but would not discuss its content or agenda. "In the course of any set of negotiations," he said, "it is highly improper for any side to be talking to the press. The teachers have chosen to do so, certainly I have no intention."

Should results of the meeting indicate that the teachers' proposals have been suppressed, the general studies association would have to seriously "rethink the issues," commented Jutcovich.

Meanwhile, the association continues to negotiate, on behalf of its members, with the individual schools on the "Code of Practice". Teachers' groups at three of the schools — United Synagogue Day School, Associated Hebrew Schools and Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto — have been recognized as bargaining units with union power, in an effort to back up their demands.

Following government mediation, USDS teachers have entered face-to-face negotiations with their school board for the first time in over a year. The two parties are centering discussion on the code while delaying serious talks on the contentious cost-of-living allowance.

The mood in Israel

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Another reason for the sobriety is the residual impact of the last war. At a recent military symposium on that war, generals past and present, were united in proclaiming that Israel not only had not lost, but had scored a considerable success. This is unrealistic. Not because in strictly military terms it is untrue, nor because Israelis have not recovered from the shock of having been surprised. It is because the scar is etched elsewhere — in the memory of the large number of dead, a memory which must underlie perception of the public mood at all times.

There is public opposition to the government's present pragmatic approach to new realities. There is also the danger that just when this kind of pragmatism is making ground, the external threats are beginning to hack away at fresh roots.

No one doubts that all really desire peace. But as the spirit of "aloneness" becomes more pervasive, and the vision of an Isaiah-type peace fades into the nitty-gritty area of grey compromise, so is it increasingly likely that the public mood will come to exert even greater influence on the actions and decisions of Israel's policy-makers.

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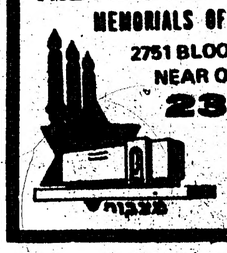
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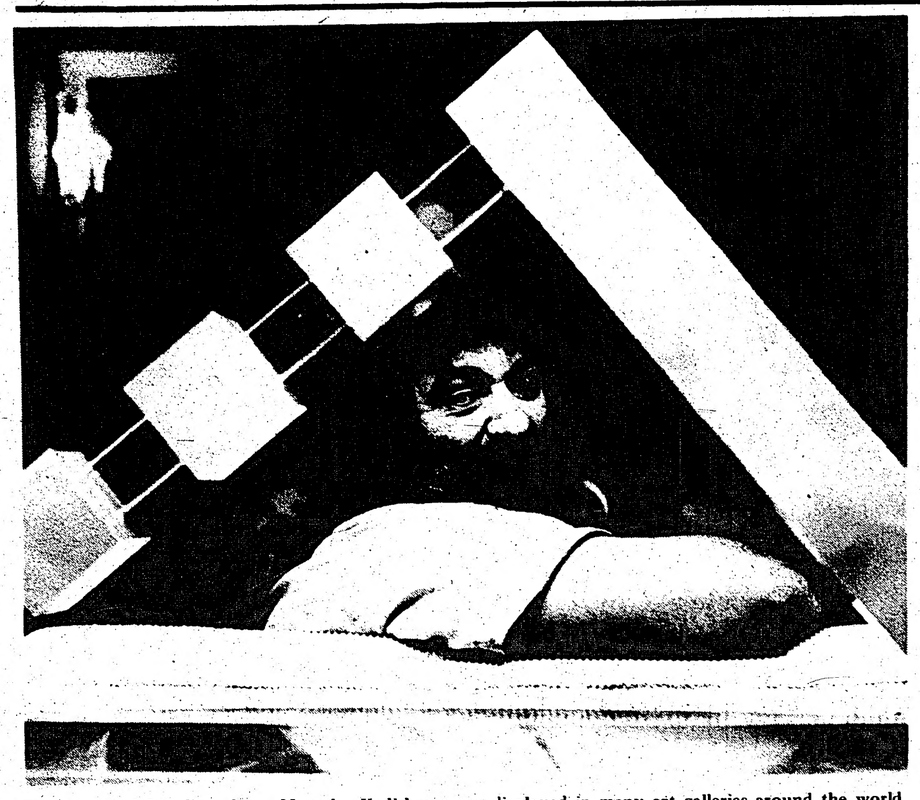

The works of Israeli sculptor Menashe Kadishman are displayed in many art galleries around the world. In Toronto, they are found in the Art Gallery of Ontario, and in High Park. (David Groskind photo)

Sculptor's work infuriates some but 'incomprehension' shrugged at

art

By JULIANA BORSA

Menashe Kadishman, the 43-year-old Israeli-born sculptor, whose recent exhibition in Jerusalem generated so much controversy, was in Toronto last week to assemble one of his large sculptures for a private collector.

Kadishman outraged audiences this past summer in Jerusalem when he applied bright yellow paint directly on a tree, and used the same color on a rectangular-shaped plot of ground in the museum garden itself. Even though the paint was harmless, his audiences were affronted. They regarded this as an interference with nature. But Kadishman's intention was different: to make the viewer aware of his environment by injecting a foreign element into its every-day appearance.

He has been preoccupied for many years with the idea of creating a forest within a natural forest. Starting in Montevideo in 1969, he then set up different versions of his forest in such varied places as Central Park, New York and Krefeld, Germany.

In these versions, he attached standardized rectangular metal sheets, or a combination of metal and glass sheets to trunks of trees in a natural setting. Visitors experienced space, movement and sound in addition to visual guidance from the work. The only permanent record of projects like these are screen prints based on enlarged photographs.

The tall, bearded, informally dressed artist is not inclined to debate the validity of these artistic statements. He is unconcerned with the lack of understanding and the hostility his pieces might arouse.

Trained in England, Kadishman established his reputation through his large-scale sculptures. These begin as small models made of bits and pieces of wood, which he manipulates, almost like a child playing with blocks, until he achieves the form he wants.

In the finished works, some of the results seem to defy gravity. Large geometrical forms barely touch each other, and yet stand apparently unsupported. Other compositions of solid iron or steel blocks are seemingly held by fragile glass.

Kadishman is obsessed with the qualities of glass. This was underscored in a recent exhibition in which the total composition consisted of broken pieces of glass propped against the walls of a room. The edges of the pieces created a multi-faceted linear web. The reflections and shadows on the surfaces became an integral part of the work.

Even pages from telephone books become surfaces for compositions. During his travels, for instance, he found that telephone books were the constants in hotel rooms in every city. He tore out pages from each and by scratching out names with colored chalks, India ink, watercolors, he created patterns which became a highly evocative diary of his travels.

Although his works have drawn outrageous comments, he is well represented in many museums, from Yugoslavia to Uruguay, from London's staid Tate Gallery to New York's provocative Museum of Modern Art. In Toronto, some of his works are in the formal setting of the Art Gallery of Ontario, and the more natural setting of High Park.

He is an artist who prompts not only criticism and excitement, but, most of all, thought.

Yehudi Menuhin drops bow

Violinist's performance affected by stage mishap

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Well, it happens to the best of us. We're all only human. And so, in his Massey Hall appearance Dec. 9, Yehudi Menuhin, one of the great violinists of all time, dropped his bow on stage, in the first few introductory bars of Max Bruch's **Violin Concerto No. 1 in G Minor.**

Understandably shaken by this, he began the piece over again. But, also understandably, the embarrassment affected him to some degree throughout the performance. He did not miss any notes during this technically difficult work, and the masterful, clear, sensitive tone which is a Menuhin trademark was there. But a few hairs on his bow must have broken, because there were a few scratchy passages here and there; and there was very little of Menuhin's usual dynamic expression, because he was too visibly shaken up. And the Toronto symphony orchestral backup while technically smooth but lacking the dramatic intensity of the Karel Ancerl days, did not really inspire Menuhin to overcome the shock.

Apart from the accident, what I found far more objectionable was the very poor choice of material. Bruch's concerto, in my opinion, is a musical nonenity which is worthless today. Written in the late romantic style of comfortable complacency, it lacks a strong melodic theme; lacks any sense of compelling drama; and even the fast passages are pale imitations of Brahms and Mendelssohn. The capacity audience was bored. Certainly, there are dozens of other pieces, even from that period, which are much more exciting than that one.

Apparently sensing this, as well as sincerely wishing to make up for the accident, Yehudi Menuhin then performed an unscheduled Bach piece for solo violin, and the result was spectacular. Here, in his usual form of both technical and expressive excellence, Menuhin instantly won back the audience's heart with a superlative rendition of one of Bach's most difficult violin works; and the audience responded with an appropriate standing ovation.

ANTI-SEMITIC MOVIE: A Polish film which has been denounced throughout Western Europe as being one of the worst recent examples of blatant anti-Semitism, **The Promised Land** (naturally, the Soviets praised it) won first prize at the recent Chicago film festival. The judges, according to **Variety** magazine, consisted of mainly film academics from several countries on both sides of the iron curtain.

Just as film distributors, both Jewish and gentile, successfully boycotted Jean-Luc Godard's pro-PLO propaganda tract five years ago, I am reasonably sure that they will do the same to this latest piece of hate-on-celluloid.

But, aside from that, we must alert ourselves to Soviet-bloc attempts to disseminate anti-Semitism under the guise of supposedly neutral vehicles such as the arts; and then openly protest this international hate campaign through political as well as artistic channels.

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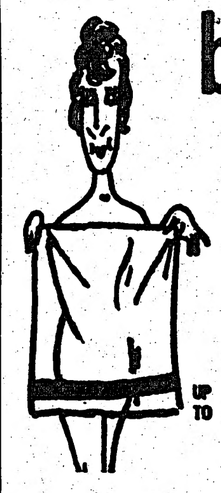
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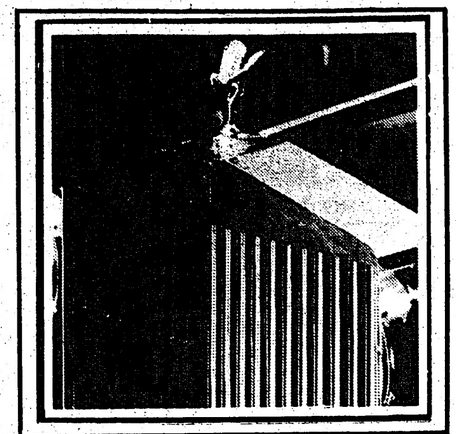
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